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In This Issue

This month's reading offers, we feel, a well-balanced meal. There's something for everybody-young or old, Christian worker or layman.

For Christian workers there's Harry Dixon Loes' helpful article, "Music in the Church" (page 90), with an abundance of suggestions for the program in your own church. Then there's Dr. Lundquist's refreshing "I Like the Pastorate" (page 87), which will be welcomed by many of Dr. Lundquist's friends even though they may not be pastors themselves.

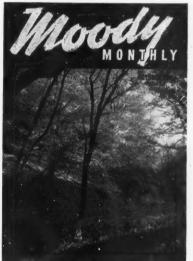
For parents there's R. I. Humberd's very homely and practical suggestion for turning the everyday events of life into illustrations of spiritual truth, in "When Thou Walkest by the Way" (page 100). Dr. Larsen's second article on everyday human problems (page 92) is one you won't want to overlook.

For Bible students we continue Dr. Armerding's series on Joshua (page 98), which will soon be drawing to a close. and then, we trust, will appear in permanent book form. Besides, there's Emmet Russell's very sound and sane discussion of what the Bible teaches on the spiritual life, "Victory-Its Elusive Secret" (page 85).

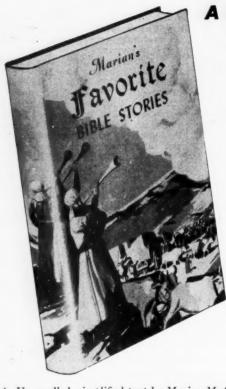
For young people we begin this month a series of six discussions of Possible Christian Careers (page 153), that should mark the turning point in the lives of many of our younger readers. And just for good measure, Eugene Myers Harrison throws out a strong challenge in "Let's Get Down to Business" (page 155).

All of these together should make a pretty good spiritual meal for October.

THIS MONTH'S COVER



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"Wherever does she get the energy?" Mommie wondered, watching the vigorous jumping and bouncing. The springs on the bed fairly groaned beneath Becky's solid little body. Her growing-out pigtails bounced up and down and her fat little cheeks grew the more pink. The blue of her pajamas matched her eyes.

"Better get off the bed, Becky," said Mommie, trying to calm her down before the other children sensed the fun. Timmie the twin loved a tumbletime and it would not do to have him join Becky.

Stretching a foot to try to touch the ceiling, Beck remarked, "Oh, I wisht I was a angel."

"And why would you like to be an ngel?" asked Mommie, wonderingly. angel?" You'd be a good substantial one,"

she thought.

"Oh, I'd like to be a angel 'cause then I could help the Lord work. . . And Becky was quiet for a moment of wistful contemplation.

"Well, you can help the Lord now. He needs little girls six years old to do lots of things for Him: to be a happy child and to help Mommie and Daddy, and to tell others about the Lord Jesus.

"But I'd like to be a angel and help Him build all the houses for the people." Mommie had a sudden vision of Becky bustling around the celestial mansions and she suppressed a smile. (It would be fun to be there in all that beauty!)

But there is work to be done here; not so interesting, and oftentimes dull and hard, yet the Lord's presence makes it a possible source of joy and peace. The day is coming when we'll be together with the Lord, but now our work for Him must be done right here on earth.

"I know the Lord would love to have you work with Him, Becky; you can do that right now. And then some day you'll look right into His lovely face and be so thankful for everything you ever did to help the Lord work.

Until that day, "whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31). "For we are laborers together with God"

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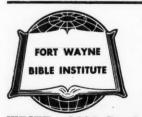
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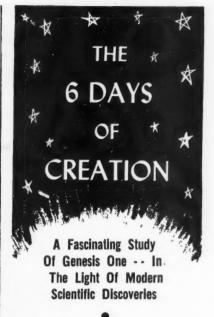


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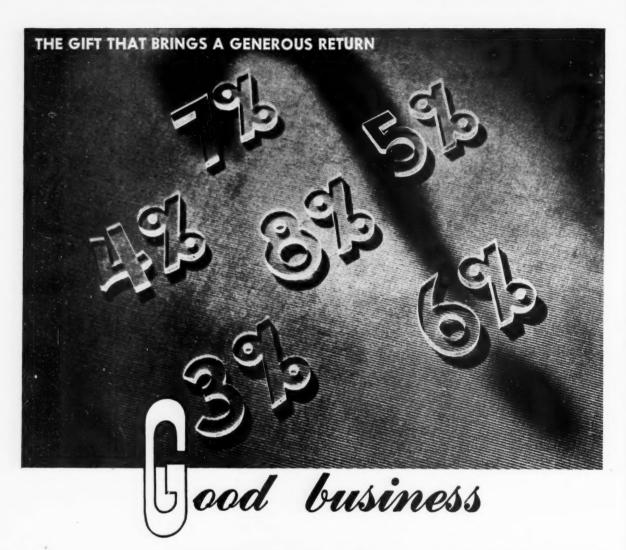
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Why We Are Protestants

The controversy between Protestants and Roman Catholics is on the increase in our country today. The Roman Catholic Church is bolder in its public statements and actions, and Protestant action is accordingly more determined.

Moody Monthly prefers to wage a positive, constructive warfare for the truth of the Word of God, as we see it, and not to divert its energies to attacking false religious systems. But occasionally it seems appropriate to offer a brief apologia for our position as Protestants.

For make no mistake, we are Protestants. We take our place in the historic stream of protesters against the false assumptions of the Roman Catholic Church.

We are not bitter. We are acquainted with devout Catholics who know the Lord Jesus Christ and who are "better than their creed."

We are not hate-mongers. But we believe that evangelical Christians have a right to know where we stand, and that they need to rethink their own glorious heritage as Protestants. When Martin Luther nailed his objections to the door he specified ninety-five grievances. We will go to the heart of the matter and let the case rest with the one basic reason for our position.

Our reason is not that the Roman Catholic Church engages in politics. To be sure she does, but if she is what she claims to be—the only true Church—she has a right to play politics, low as her motives may be, sorry as the story may read, and incongruous as it may seem to those of us who understand "the Church" to be a body of believers saved out of this world and made citizens of heaven.

Our reason is not that Catholics are intolerant. In the countries where Rome is ascendant she has compiled a shameful record of suppression which has resulted in almost unbelievable ignorance and degradation. Yet, after all, if the Roman Church is the only true Church, she has a right to be intolerant of all other pretenders. (For a further discussion of this.

see the editorial, "Roman Catholics on Freedom," in the July, 1948, Moody MONTHLY.)

The question, then, hinges on whether or not she is the true Church, and the answer to that question discloses the reason we are Protestants.

The Key to Romanism

Our reason is that the Roman Catholic Church is in error. Holding the Bible to be the inerrant Word of God, we find that at many points the Roman Church denies or perverts its clear teaching. We will name only one, but it is the central one, the key to all the others, and with it stand or fall most of the other errors in the Catholic system.

The principal teaching of the Bible is that through Christ's finished work of atonement, in His death and resurrection, a man may be justified by faith (see, in particular, Gal. 2:16). But the Roman Catholic Church by its system of human works denies this great fundamental of the gospel. If she were ever once to declare that a man can be justified by faith, it would mean her doom.

There would no longer be any justification for the powers of the priesthood. The confessional as a means of forgiveness would have to go.

The mass, with its perpetual offering of the flesh and blood of Christ, would be a useless sacrilege. The performance of works of supererogation, the observance of Lent, and the other practices that are supposed to heap up merit toward salvation, would lose all meaning.

Extreme unction, baptismal regeneration, and prayers for the dead would be completely out of order.

Papal power would become a farce; the canonizing of saints a hollow mockery.

Purgatory would vanish into the thin air whence it came.

If a man can be justified by faith in Christ, the whole Roman system is wrong, and is seen in its true light as a horrible perversion of the "simplicity which is in Christ" (R.V.).

The Key to the Reformation

It was this fact that made Martin Luther a Protestant. The Spirit of God

enabled him to see through the Roman encrustations of superstition and paganism and to glimpse the glorious truth of the gospel. And having seen that, everything else appeared in a new light. Having discovered the gospel, Luther became bold to stand up against the pope and all the forces of the Church. Under Luther and the other Reformation leaders, men rediscovered the truth of the gospel, for many years buried by Rome under a mass of error.

We are Protestants today for the same reason that Luther was.

We are Protestants because we know that a man can be justified by jaith.

This is the truth Rome fears. She cannot permit men to discover it, or the power of the pope and the priests over the souls of men will be forever broken.

There have been efforts within the Catholic Church since the Reformation to resurrect the truths of grace and of the finished work of Christ, but each time the effort has been thwarted, put to death by those who held the reins in the Church. With the Jesuits in such large measure of control it does not seem likely that Rome will ever swing toward evangelical faith, but will continue to hold the souls of men as pawns with which to play their financial and political games. And we shall continue to stand foursquare as Protestants against these perversions and in defense of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

No Word from Heaven

In a recent bulletin from the Federal Council of Churches, reviewing present-day religious thought as it is reflected to recent books, this conclusion, among others, is reached: "There is a documented recession, within Protestantism, of expressed interest in the future life."

The report quotes D. R. Davies, who in his latest book, *The Sin of Our Age*, remarks on the "abolition of other-worldliness" and calls it a major evil of our day. He notes that of six thousand sermons and talks submitted to the British Broadcasting Company, only one said "anything vital about life after death.

Here is one realm, then, where the Bible-believing Christian encounters no competition from modernists. The field is all ours. The liberal simply has nothing to say about eternity, about heaven or hell. The changeless longing of men's minds to know with certainty of the future can be met only by those of us who still believe implicitly the revelation of the Bible. Let us speak out boldly, both for the warning and the encouragement of men and women who want the truth.

A Full-time Job

The apostle Paul described himself as being "separated unto the gospel of God" (Rom. 1:1). He did not mean by that, that he neglected other Christian truth in his ministry, for he shunned not to declare unto men the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). Yet the proclamation of the gospel, of the way of salvation, was his primary mission in life. And as we consider the plan of salvation today, we are impressed with the fact that it is

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big enough, and deep enough, and rich enough to challenge the thinking and preaching of any man. The gospel is big enough to be a full-time job.

There is a great dearth of true gospel preaching today.

This is true, of course, among liberals and modernists who preach "another gospel" and pervert the truth concerning Jesus Christ. But it is also true among real Bible-loving Christians.

Recently a famous evangelist exhorted a crowd of several thousand people on the general theme, "What you ought to do about Jesus Christ." He closed his stirring appeal with a statement something like this: "You all know what Jesus Christ has done for you; now it's time for you to do something about it." At least one listener in that audience wanted to jump up and shout, "No, we don't know what Christ has done for us. Tell

For the sad fact is that there were young people scattered all through that great audience who didn't have the ghost of an idea of what Jesus Christ had done for them. Most people in America have a perverted idea of the gospel, and have never once heard it straight.

Strangely enough, a great deal of "gospel preaching" is concerned with arousing the emotions of people by pressing home the need for a decision for Christ, the danger of putting it off, or the advantages of deciding now, with the intention of getting people down front or into an inquiry room where the way of salvation can be explained to them. Now there is nothing inappropriate with emotionalism or with urging a personal decision, but that isn't gospel preaching.

The preaching of the gospel is the declaration of what Jesus Christ did in His death and resurrection. What basis is there for any appeal for decisions until this glorious truth is unfolded?

Unfortunately, the gospel in our day has been more or less reduced to a little three-point formula and no longer challenges the thinking and the imagination of men as it once did. We have lost sight

of the gospel's immensity.

Oh, for gospel preachers who will unfold to men and women the glories of the gospel. Oh, for men like Henry C. Mabie and James Denney, whose books are in every evangelical library, who will study the gospel and then explain it to men. The gospel is big enough to challenge everything there is in a man, and to become the warp and woof of his preaching.

Bells at Eventide

Every evening in our neighborhood the chimes of a nearby church play some old familiar hymns, more or less familiar to many people who do not attend church. but who recall the tunes from childhood How often, when the notes of the chimes echo across the block, our thoughts go to an incident recorded in the fourth chapter of John's Gospel.

There we read that the Lord, weary and tired after a morning's walk through Samaria, rested on the well of Jacob. Along came a woman from the town to draw water, and Jesus, turning to her, said, "Give me to drink." Her reply was one of astonishment that He, a Jew, would even speak to her, a half-breed Samaritan. His answer was, in effect, "If you only knew the gift of God, and who it is that is speaking to you, you would have asked me, and I would have given you living water."

"If you only knew." The chimes sometimes seem to say that. "If you only knew of whom the hymns speak, and of the gift of eternal life that He has to offer, you would ask and receive." What a strange paradox it is that the name of Jesus is so familiar, that Bibles are so numerous, and that even the hymns of the gospel are so well known among people, and yet very few actually know who Jesus Christ really is and what He has to offer!

Men are so near and yet so far. So near, with churches everywhere, and the message of the gospel easy to discover if men cared to; and yet so far, with an infinite gap of spiritual blindness and misunderstanding separating them from the true God. "If you only knew."

Too Many Churches?

An American bishop, recently returned from England, reports that church attendance has dropped from 37 per cent in 1900 to less than 10 per cent, and places most of the blame on the fact that "there are too many churches."

In London, he recalls, one can scarcely find himself more than two hundred yards from a church. Flying from Ireland to London, churches were always in sight. Most of these are state churches with a parish of perhaps 250 to 300 people, all of them holding membership by baptism from infancy, but very few of them showing any genuine interest in the church or even attending its services. Sometimes a whole parish will have only ten to twenty-five in attendance.

This is truly a sad state of affairs, though no worse than the comparable American community. But sadder yet is the fact that a clergyman can recognize no greater failure than that "there are too many churches." What is wrong with the church's leadership when in a discussion of its failures consideration is given to everything but spiritual values?

There are not too many churches; there is too little gospel. We do not have, in England or America, too many church buildings; we have too little power. If the leadership of our churches were to recognize the poverty of a church program without the power of God, there might be more hope for filling the many empty church buildings.

Can you imagine any of the great prophets of Israel, in the times of terrible declension, complaining, "There are too many synagogues! That's why things are run down." How ridiculous! A man of God faced with the decline of spirituality around him will cry out to God for a conviction of sin to come upon people. Like Daniel, his heart will be weighed down with the disobedience of his nation or his community, until he pleads with God for an outpouring of His power.

Our failure cannot be corrected by a rearrangement of parishes, nor by a federal union among our denominations. The awful coldness of men toward the church and toward the gospel calls for a revival of spiritual power among God's people, and a sense of sin that will drive men to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

Hail and Farewell

With this issue of MOODY MONTHLY we bid farewell to our good friend and erstwhile colleague. Walden Howard, from whose pen came most of the recent writings in these columns and whose was the major burden for the selection of the articles that made up Moody Monthly. Mr. Howard leaves Moody Bible Institute to rejoin the staff of Young Life Campaign, from which he came to us for a sojourn of two important years.

From such farewells valuable lessons can be drawn. We would speak, for instance, of the problem of guidance, and how, while Mr. Howard was engeged in a satisfying ministry here, the Lord suddenly spoke to him at a week-end youth camp, and the guiding cloud moved onward. Who could but follow? There are times when in mystic manner the Lord speaks quietly to listening hearts in a voice that others may not hear.

We may speak also of the assurance that the Lord who guides all of His own, will guide another to us who will fill the gap that He Himself prepared.

And finally we would speak of the joy of fellowship wherever the Lord may put us. Though separated, Christians everywhere are His fellow heirs, laborers together with Him in whatever portion of His vineyard He places us.

To his many Moody Monthly friends. Mr. Howard sends warm greetings, and to Mr. Howard go our heartfelt good wishes, with prayer that God will bless him richly in all good things.-K. N. T.*

What's Coming in the November Issue

WHY DO OUR CHILDREN MISS THE WAY? There is no sadder circumstance than that of an unsaved child in a Christian home. What happens to bring about this frequent tragedy? Moody Monthly will analyze this problem in one of next month's most important articles.

THE INESCAPABLE GOD. Harold W. Goulder, whose name is well known to readers of Moody Monthly, contributes an inspirational meditation on the First Person of the Trinity.

NEW HOPE FOR GERMANY. The program of the Christian Literature Crusade gives renewed hope for large scale gospel literature distribution that can change lives-and a nation.

HE WROTE HYMNS THAT LAST. Next month marks the two hundredth anniversary of the death of Isaac Watts, but his songs of heaven are still among the most numerous in our hymnals today.

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In attaining spiritual victory, there is more than one lesson. How many have you learned?

Victory—Its Elusive Secret

A Study of Romans 6-16

BY EMMET RUSSELL

Editor's Note-Read this helpful article with your Bible open before you. Better yet, read Romans 6-16 several times before beginning Dr. Russell's exposition.

ou surrendered to God and entered on a life of victory. It was wonderful-while it lasted. Then your once forceful answer to God's questions faltered: "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? . . . How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" The rolling thunder of your "No!" which once answered sharply to the lightning flash of God's blinding questions, became lost in clouds of sininspired doubt.

Had those questions been merely summer heat lightning from some remote conflict in a heaven which did not demand a thundering "No!" from you? Was the holy victory over sin proper to the incarnate Son of God, but not to be shared in by the flesh-bound sons of men?

You pondered. You wondered - and wandered farther and farther from the way of victory. (You did not yet know that that way was a Man who bore the

It had all seemed so simple once. The

Bible conference speaker made it too plain to reject. "You believe in Jesus Christ? He is your Saviour? You have eternal life? Your sins are all forgiven, past, present and future? Then this is for you. Christ is your victory. As you believed Him for salvation, now believe Him for victory. Surrender! Yield yourself to God! Let Him have His way with you. 'Let go and let God!'

You did let go. It was like falling into a bed of thornless roses. Or deep, sweet balsam boughs, as on that night you slept out in the forest. Or a child's memory of a mother's breast. Underneath were the everlasting arms. You rested in Christ. You were abiding.

Presently something went wrong. But you were still at the Bible conference. Or the pastor who led you into the victorious life was close at hand to tell you, 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1: 9). He explained that while we are in the flesh, there may be these occasional failures. We may get our eyes off Jesus for a moment, and stumble. We are still 'we," and "we" are weak. But "when I am weak, then am I strong," in Him. mate of the seventh of Romans matched

So you and I went to our Lord contritely, and found ourselves back on the bed of roses and balsam boughs-until the emotional coloring began to fade, and the surge of will to weaken, and the knowledge of God's will to vanish from the Word, as our Bible-reading became more and more mechanical, our prayer life a worn habit.

Somebody told us about a new way of reading the Bible. We tried it, and for a season it seemed to yield fruit in a new keenness of apprehension of transforming truth. We read about the marvelous prayer life of a dead saint, sampled his routine, and found ourselves ushered into a Presence where the very atmosphere throbbed with power.

On a day Satan came also among the sons of God. We did not like him, but he exerted a fascination over the flesh. As an angel of artificial light, he dazzled our defenses. We found sin gripping us once more, not as an infrequent acci-

dent, but as a sickening habit. We moved on from the sixth of Ro-

mans, where the decision had seemed so inevitable: "the wages of sin . . . the gift of God." We found that the murky cliour present state of health. "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." Exactly so: sin is a tenant whom I cannot evict.

Some sort of inescapable rent control renders sin a fixture in my flesh. "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me." It's the law of human nature: I can't help it. "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members."

For a while we stopped there, satisfied for a season. If we had not been saved, we should have remained in that frame of mind. What can you expect of poor human nature? But we had tasted manna. We had been refreshed with dew from Hermon. We had felt the utter release of peace. We had heard the voice of Jesus. Hence one day we went on with the apostle to cry, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" When we got that far, we could not help joining him in the reply, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

We knew now the secret of victory. Christ is victory. We said it over and over in our hearts. We thought to have learned the precious lesson once and forever. It was as if we had been lifted out of this world, almost as if we already had our resurrection bodies, incorruptible. Now we shall be all right. The battle has been won. "Henceforth let no man trouble me." (Though we dared not finish that Galatian quotation.)

Until we noticed that the seventh of Romans does not end on the tonic chord of victory, but with a minor modulation, demanding for its resolution the opening dominant of the eighth chapter, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

We read on, to see how the apostle could possibly substantiate this startling statement. Ah, a third law! Not the moral law of God from Sinai in judgment upon us. Not the law of sin in the flesh confirming the rightness of that judgment. A new law, "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." We had learned the law of the Ten Words in Sunday school; the law of sin had taught itself in bitter experience; but now we would learn this new law of the Spirit.

WE FOUND that there was much to learn. First, we must learn to malk. What, we who had been walking longer than we could remember? Yes, even so. When by the new birth we became babes in Christ we had started confidently off to walk in Him as we had walked in the flesh. The clumsy, lumbering gait of the flesh did not suit the airy grace of the Spirit.

I remember how when I was sixteen a young friend, home from military academy, noting the laborious effort I put into walking, taught me the simple trick of falling forward and putting out a foot to arrest the fall, which his military training had taught him.

Walking with God is a continual falling upon His mercy, at the same time putting forward one foot after the other in order to progress toward the goal of His high calling.

We must learn to think. "The mind of the flesh" becomes tawdry, insipid to us. To think God's thoughts after Him ceases to be irksome. The sober, thick volumes we formerly passed up for flaming jackets now become precious, because we love the Author. Whatsoever things are true. honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, instead of being drily Puritan as we had fancied, shine winsomely, inviting to inexhaustible pages of delight. "We have the mind of Christ," as drops of water "have" a cloud, a river, the ocean.

We must learn to get along with a Guest. We must practice hospitality on the highest plane. "If so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." Nay, not hospitality to a Guest-He must "dwell." We might as well sign the deed, turn over the short, shameful abstract of title, showing how the devil once owned us, but we were redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus-yet the devil got not one drop of that precious purchase price, for the devil's title after all was but a legal fiction, though too strong for us to break, without the intervention of our mighty

He must dwell, as owner. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ve have of God, and ve are not your own? For ye are bought with a price." You cannot afford to fix up the house the way you want it? Turn it over to Him; He has the resources, and He loves to render human lives sweet and holy habitations. You will be more free bound with the gold chains of a slave of God than ever you were flaunting a supposed liberty before the world, while every discerning eye could see and hear the rusty, clanking chains with which Satan bound you to your sins.

We must learn the family life of God's children. It is not enough to be children of God: we must behave as His well-bred children act. Every family has its dear and intimate names. Strangers would not think of calling our Father "Abba," but we do. An unspoiled child's intimacy is the highest reverence. No others may come so close to God as the children He has chosen.

Oh, that we might be overwhelmed with the sense of our nearness to God! Hear the Spirit whisper over and over in your ear, "Child of God, child of God!"

"And if children, then heirs." If Jesus Christ has anything, it is ours. Victory too? Can you longer doubt? "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Child of God, cry, "Abba, Father."

We must learn the plan of the ages. Our lives are not shipwrecked on isolated islands remote from the trade routes of God's commerce. He knows where we are. He has placed us where we are, not for some petty purpose concerned with our own lives alone. We are a part of the plan of the ages.

"The whole creation groaneth and trav-

aileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Our individual victory is part of a skirmish. That skirmish contributes to a battle. The battle belongs to a campaign. The campaign is integrated into a war. That war is an incident in the militant history of redemption.

We must learn to pray. We must learn that we do not pray alone. "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities . . . maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." We must learn the secret of answered prayer. It is our divine Companion in prayer who matters. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

We must learn the process of God's providence - foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, glorification, that we may be "conformed to the image of his Son." It takes time for the Potter to mold, to turn, to bake the clay.

The learning process calls for a test. The school of life has its examinations. The questions: "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? . . . Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

Knowing our helplessness and hopelessness to answer that sixth and last question, the Spirit of God wrote the answer down in full for us, right after the question. All we need do is learn the answer, and give it back to Him in grateful recitation of His praise. It is not only victory, it is super-victory-"we are more than conquerors through him that loved us . . . the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

ONE MIGHT THINK that Paul would have stopped here, in the enjoyment of a personal victorious life of such magnificence. But not so. Paul belonged to a race of singular privilege, and singular disobedience. When the conquest of God over human nature, of the Spirit over the flesh, begins to make itself felt in our lives, it brings a mighty wave of compassion for "our kinsmen after the flesh." Victory is never selfish, never self-centered; it is caught up in the consuming passion of a compassion for lost souls, lost lives, lost men and women, lost little children.

The message of salvation is for all, who "being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Turn to Christ who died for you and rose again. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. . . .

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There's nothing quite like living with people, sharing their problems and watching them grow

By Harold L. Lundquist

MAN CAN get so deep in the woods that he can no longer see the trees. Instead of looking like graceful and majestic masterpieces of God's workmanship, which they really are, they appear to him as an endless procession of drab tree trunks, darkly forbidding, rough and uncomfortable to rub up against.

In much this same manner the servants of the Lord are often in danger of missing the beauty, the glory, the grace and the power of Christian service because they are so close to it, yes, right up in it. They cannot see the trees because they are in the forest.

We pastors have our ministry so constantly upon us, with all of its demands and its burdens, that we may easily lose our appreciation of its privileges.

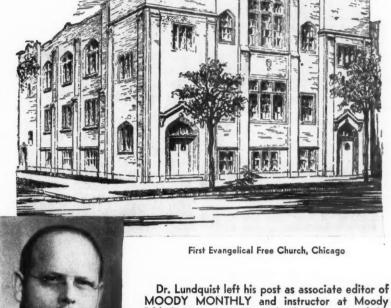
After many years in educational work, both as an administrator and an instructor, I suddenly found myself in the pastorate of a church. It was an entirely new experience to me, quite unexpected and unsought, and only assumed because of the Lord's definite leading.

Through the years past I have often been approached by pastors who were eager to enter the supposed quiet and shelter of educational work. They had had their "fill" of a pastor's problems and were ready for a change.

Now that I have been led to move in the opposite direction, I am often approached with the question, "Well, how do you like the pastorate?" to which I candidly and enthusiastically reply, "I like it!"

Some have agreed with me. Others have looked at me with surprise, as much as to say, "Just wait until you have tackled some of the bitter trials and disappointments of the pastorate, and feel crushed under some of its burdens; then it will be a different story."

I wonder if right at that point we do not have the explanation of much of the discouragement (and there is a lot of it) and the failure of men in the pas-



Dr. Lundquist

torate. They have let the problems overcome them, and the burdens submerge them. They tell their people to be patient under trial, to expect no help and no kindness from the world, or from worldly Christians. They urge them to "live above the circumstances, not under them"—and then they get away down under themselves. And, believe me, there is no one who can get lower in spirits than a preacher who is "down in the valley"!

Of course there are trials! Who or what ever made us think it would be otherwise? The Word of God tells us that we should expect persecution, and makes clear that the Christian will have trials and tribulations. If the sheep of the fold are to bear them, should not the shepherd be ready to do likewise?

Is the work of the pastorate easy? Far from it! The pastor who really works at his calling has a full-time job and a good bit more. He has responsibilities so great that he is constantly thrown back upon the Lord for wisdom and strength. He knows what it is to be tired, downright weary in mind and body. He knows about the sleepless nights that follow trying days. No, it isn't easy, but

it is blessed, and here's why!

Bible Institute in 1947 to take the pastorate of the

First Evangelical Free Church, Chicago. He writes

in retrospect after a year of firsthand experience.

First, let's think about a rather obvious advantage of the pastor. He has the privilege of sharing life's real joys and sorrows with his people.

We hear politicians talk about "grass root" conferences, indicating their desire to get right down to the place where people live and work. Only thus do they feel that they have the pulse of their constituency and know how to meet their need. No other Christian worker has the opportunity of the pastor to really see life and to know the people who live it in its normal, everyday light.

Oh, I know that everyone tries to be at his best when the pastor calls. The house is in order, and the children are on their best behavior—that is, if they know he is coming.

But it is not such calls that count the most, valuable as they may be. It is the emergency that brings the pastor to the sick bed, or the death bed, in the small hours of the morning when no one is ready for company, and when the house is a place of anxiety and sorrow rather than a show place. Then he gets right up against life itself. To stand by and pray and watch God work in such an hour, that is to build oneself into the lives of one's people.

To share also in the joys of life—a new baby, a new car, a new house, a pro-

motion, a decision for Christ, a dedication of life for Christian service, a wedding—is a rewarding experience for the pastor.

I like it! When I can stand shoulder to shoulder with my friend and member in the down-to-earth, "grass root" experiences of life, I feel then that life is full and good, even though it be in an hour of trial.

The pastor has the opportunity of living with his people over a period of time. Thus he is able to rejoice over the evidences of growth, and to do something about correcting (in addition to just regretting) the indications of spiritual failure in a man's life.

The teacher in his classroom sees the beginnings of life development in his students, and now and again he sees or hears of victories or failures; but it is not the same living reality that comes to a pastor as he is shepherd of the flock year after year.

He sees the truly thrilling development of some lives for the glory of God, and there are few satisfactions in life which even approximate that joy. He sees failures which break his heart, but that only brings him close to the Saviour who died of a broken heart.

To preach to, and pray for, and try to influence or guide the life of a believer, and then to see the grace and power of God suddenly take hold and a life begin to move out for God, that's a pastor's peculiar joy.

And what shall we say of those who falter and sometimes fail? What a sinking sensation that gives a pastor, until he realizes anew that the power of God is able to win that battle too. Then to pray and plan; to engage in spiritual warfare with all its strategy and grace. It's a lot more fun than playing chess or doing cross-word puzzles—a lot more difficult, and infinitely more rewarding.

THE PASTOR has the privilege of building for eternity. There is real joy and satis action in building character even for this world. Many are the men and women who labor sacrificially—give themselves and their possessions gladly to help underprivileged boys and girls, to serve on Boy or Girl Scout committees, and as leaders to fight juvenile delinquency, and to operate neighborhood houses.

All honor to them! Their work is certainly not without its reward. They have the joy of seeing wrongs righted, evil suppressed, opportunity put into the hands of boys and girls.

But, brethren, we who serve in the pastorate have all that, *plus* the infinite joy of knowing that we labor not for time alone, but for *eternity*.

Ours is a task which in one sense calls for haste, but in another sense, and a very real sense, has about it the serenity and poise of eternity.

We can afford to take time to build well, to add "here a little and there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept." We have all heard the story of the three brick layers working on the great church. One, when asked what he was doing, said, "I'm laying bricks for \$1.00 an hour [it would be \$3.00 an hour now!] so I can feed my wife and children." A second said, "I am following the orders of a foreman, and helping to put up some kind of a building." But the third, with a faraway look in his eye, said, "I am building a great cathedral."

We build for eternity; let's build with thoroughness, skill, patience and diligence, knowing that one day the Master Builder will have His word to say about our work and give His reward.

The pastor has the opportunity to really work in and with the Word of God. It is the blessed privilege of every Christian, and especially of every Christian worker, to study and treasure God's Word; but I have found that the pastor has a peculiar privilege and opportunity to really get into the Word. I say that after twenty or more years of service as a teacher of the Bible—a work both blessed and enjoyable.

I wonder whether my friends in the pastorate realize the unusual opportunity they have to study God's Word for use

The Small Stone

LUCILLE ANDERSON TRIMMIER

Dear Lord, the path seems straight ahead, And very bright;

I do not see the mountain steep I saw last night.

But hold my hand; I cannot go On all alone.

It's not the mount I stumble on— But the small stone!

in the relationship where it has the greatest liberty to work—in the pulpit. God saves men through preaching, and

we are the ones both to prepare for it and to do it.

Of course, no man is ever going to find that joy and satisfaction who does not take time to study. I know about the endless interruptions and the pressing duties, and clamoring telephone. But I also know of the blessed quiet hours at dawn, when the world is still, and you and God can be alone. The Book glows with the light of the Holy Spirit's illumination and power at such an hour.

I know too the blessedness of the moments one can snatch out of a busy day, or out of the hours of the night.

Brethren, it can be done, and it is one of the supreme joys of the minister, of the pastor in his church. He is greatly privileged in the study of the Word of God. Let him do it!

THE PASTORATE calls you to prayer, with definite objectives and direct answers. Here again I speak of that

which is the birthright of every Christian, but which is in a delightfully peculiar sense the prerogative of the pastor.

God has always been on the lookout for intercessors. We learn from His Word of His astonishment that men do not pray. "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" is a word that the fainthearted pastors of our day really need.

The power of prayer is unchanged in a world where everything else is different. It still works! In our own church prayer meetings we have seen such definite and glorious answers to prayer that I have felt prompted to warn my people not to pray for a thing unless they really want it.

The special angle of prayer in the pastor's life which delights me is this: one is not praying for something remote or impersonal, for here it is to pray about that boy you know so well who has drifted, that church officer who has gotten at sixes and sevens, that baby who is sick unto death, or it may be the friend who needs to rent a room. It is real, vital, personal fellowship in prayer.

Prayer is dynamite—world-moving dynamite—and we are so prone to just play around with it, satisfied with a little burst of noise and excitement, like the shooting of the little fire crackers boys get hold of before the Fourth of July.

The pastorate is a partnership with God. Let me hasten to say that I am not speaking of that utterly false and destructive attitude which some preachers have, that they and God are off there in a place of special power and privilege, and send down their all-powerful pronouncements now and again from the pulpit. If you have that idea of the ministry, I suggest that you get out of the pastorate altogether. You are in the wrong "business."

But let it never be forgotten that the calling of a pastor is not one which a man may choose for himself, or because he thinks it might be a nice profession or give him a position of prestige.

Brethren in the pastorate, we are, if we are anything at all, men called of God to a place of great responsibility, but also of blessed privilege.

"The battle is not ours, but God's" was the word of encouragement to God's servant of old. It is His word to us. His honor is involved in the outcome of this business. He will see us through; and remember, it will be not just somehow, but triumphantly!

Perhaps we have become discouraged, disheartened, almost despondent about our work. As we have felt the presssure and perhaps the persecution which goes with God's work, we have said with Jeremiah, "I will speak no more in his name." May we then know that divine compulsion which was his when he said, "His word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay" (Jer. 20:9).

God help us to be that kind of pastors, and we will say, even if we have to say it through tears, "I like the pastor-

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Gospel Trekkers

By CLAUDE E. COPPERWHEAT

HURCHES WERE EMPTYING, and the highways and beaches were filling up with people in pursuit of pleasure. There seemed only one logical thing to do in order to get a hearing for the gospel—go where the people were.

Dr. Samuel Chadwick, the late principal of Cliff College, a well-known Bible college near Sheffield, England, came to that conclusion several years ago, and envisioned a plan whereby his students could participate in highway evangelism. He could see them—come summer vacation—trekking along the English countryside, dressed in their jaunty kneelength pants, happy grins on their faces, preaching on village greens, city squares, and beaches by the sea.

Then visions took form, and parties of young men were organized to utilize the three months of summer vacation in this way. For a number of years, now, the roads of Britain have re-echoed to the tramping feet and stirring songs of the gospel trekkers, and thousands have heard and responded to their testimony under the open sky.

These highway evangelists set out in pioneer style, dressed in khaki shirts and blue shorts, and shod with heavy nailed shoes. Two blankets apiece, a change of clothing, toilet requisites, and equipment for roadside cooking are pulled in a trek cart, consisting of an extra large truck on motorcycle wheels, with a text painted on its sides.

A party consists of about eight men, who set out from college with two dollars in their treasury and a big supply of faith. They ask only for a church floor on which to roll themselves in their blankets for the night. Boot repairs, food, and funds come unsolicited. The secret of it is—they prepare, and they pray!

After a day of trekking, the party finds a village green, the main square of a city, or a seashore where they can get permission to hold a meeting. In trekking attire, pulling their cart behind, the men do their own advertising, as they march around town, singing hearty choruses. Hundreds gather to join in the singing of old hymns and bright choruses, led by an instrumentalist, and hear the testimonies and appeals of the trekkers. Usually someone responds—often many.

Having spent two summers as a trekker—once as leader of the party—I have



The party and trek cart en route

experienced the vicissitudes of trek life. Humor crops in. I remember while we stayed at the Keswick conference, using a Methodist church as our headquarters, that a trekker who was a former farm worker from Lincolnshire offered to wash clothes for the party. They agreed, but returned to find the laundry man "stewing" their clothes all together in a large old-fashioned copper.

Over the hundreds of miles that we covered in one summer, straining at the ropes of the cart over the Pennine hills, and trudging through the lowlands of Yorkshire, we had many opportunities to prove the truth of those words printed on the trek cart: "God answers prayer." Looking back over our tracks, the experience which we think of as the highlight took place at Armley Hill Top, a plot of grassland in the suburbs of the industrial Yorkshire city of Leeds.

It had been a full Sunday. After dividing up to preach at various churches, the trekkers assembled at a large square to take part in an after church open-air rally. (Evening services in England are held at 6:30.) The speaker's platform was a flat-topped, four-wheeled coal cart, around which more than a thousand had gathered. The trekkers had worked hard in the service, the leader giving a heart-searching appeal, and the others dealing personally with inquirers and recording names and addresses for follow-up work

When it was over, someone called out, "You boys must be tired. Jump into my car and come up to my house for some supper." On the way to his home, the trekkers spied an expanse of grassland on which dozens of young people were gathered, laughing and chatting.

"I say, what a grand spot for a word of witness!" exclaimed one of the trekkers. "Who's game?" They all were, so they stopped the car and walked out into the middle of the grass plot.

Forming a semicircle, they sang some of their choruses and invited the crowd to gather around. The trekkers had been engaged in different occupations before entering college. The first man to testify

had been a clerk in a grocery store. He was known as "Pity Me," the name of the village from which he came. His face sparkling with humor, he soon won the hearts of the listeners with his wit, and then plunged into the testimony of what Christ had done for him.

Next to witness was a trekker who had spent some years mining coal in the bowels of the earth. He was a prize tenor soloist, and after singing the gospel message, he went on to tell how Christ had lifted him from the pit of sin.

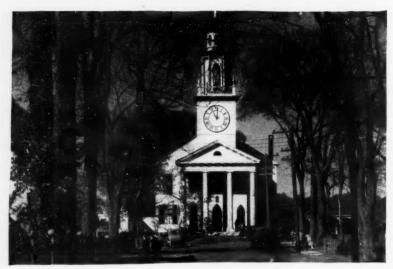
People had gathered in from the roadside, and the full moon was shedding its pale light on the features of hundreds of intent listeners as the men told what Christ had done for them and what He meant to them in the store, the office, the mine, the factory, and the school.

Afterward the crowd joined them in singing:

"When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride."

As the leader appealed to them to trust Christ, a young woman stepped forward; then a young man, a burly six-footer, jumped up from the ground and came forward; then another and another, until seventy had come. These are some of thousands whom the gospel trekkers have gathered from "the highways and byways" as they employ a novel method to preach the old gospel.

Has your sweetness of temper, your loving obedience, your cheerful self-denial, your steadfast faithfulness, caused those who dwell with you to take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus? Or has your home life been a constant contradiction to your testimony abroad? Remember, the testimony of Jesus began by showing "piety at home." He was "subject to His parents." Seek, oh, seek "to adorn the doctrine of God your Saviour in all things," first of all in that station of life where He has placed you.—S. A. Blackwood, in Christian Monitor



Thirty per cent or more of the time in our church meetings is devoted to some sort of musical expression.

THE STORY is told of D. L. Moody, that in one of his meetings at Northfield conference he heard a facetious organist playing a slow rendition of "Yankee Doodle" and mistook it for the Doxology, yet no Christian leader ever attached more importance to the use of gospel music than Moody. He knew that it attracted many people to his meetings, and often spoke of how the music "lifted the meeting."

There may be many pastors today who know little more than Moody did about music, but it is a mistake for them to think that they should follow a "hands off" policy regarding the choir and the song service. If the musical program is not what it should be, the pastor ought to do something about it.

Dr. E. O. Sellers, formerly of New Orleans Bible Institute, has estimated that 30 per cent or more of the time in our church meetings is devoted to some sort of musical expression. Such an important part of church life, then, should be regarded as more than a matter of course or a perfunctory detail.

The Minister of Music

Fortunate is the church with a director of music who knows his business and who is capable of looking after it. Many smaller churches cannot afford the full-time services of such a worker, but all will agree that a minister of music has an essential and helpful ministry. He should be as well trained and as effective in his field as the pastor is in his.

The successful music director, of course, must be a Christian. Ability and education cannot outweigh sincerity and consecration; but a combination of both is invaluable, and we can well praise God for the large number of such workers in our churches.

Leading the singing is a man's job. The one who leads the people in praising God should have the joy of salvation in his own heart, and be living a consistent Christian life that will not throw a wet blanket on the spiritual ardor of his

audience.

Naturally, the conductor with innate musical ability will obtain better results than the one who "just does the best he can." However, many a leader who was handicapped by lack of musical training has applied himself to his studies and has surprised his friends. Many a musically gifted person is deprived of a broad, intensive musical study, but there are plenty of good books on the subject and experienced individuals who can be conferred with. The greatest help of all is experience itself. We learn best by doing.

That indefinable something which we call personality is very important. A man may be a doctor of music, but if his appearance is not pleasing and his mannerisms distasteful, he is under serious handicap. Not a few song leaders who have had only ordinary training have by their consecrated personalities swayed multitudes and inspired soulful singing.

A much needed exhortation can be offered here to warn the song leader not to talk too little or too much. One undesirable extreme is the director who, with a serious, unsmiling face, sedately carries the people from stanza to stanza and from hymn to hymn without uttering a word other than announcing the numbers. The other offense is not being able to let the congregation sing one stanza or chorus without injecting some "preliminary preaching."

If the conductor can enjoy a good laugh—that is, laugh with the people, not at them—it will make him more likable. A sense of humor will tide over many an embarrassing situation and relieve periods of monotony and tension.

A leader is one who leads, not only in singing, but in gaining the co-operation of others to perform a given task in an organized way. Every church that can possibly stretch its budget far enough ought to employ a full-time musical director. A courageous pastor and a far-seeing finance committee will make

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it possible. Whether he is called minister of music, educational director, or assistant pastor, such a worker will prove worthy of his hire.

The Choir

It isn't fair to call the choir the "war department" of the church, though jeal-ousies do often exist. There is more factional strife in the average board of deacons or women's missionary society than in the average choir. Besides, a tactful and spiritually minded director can keep choir quarrels down to a minimum despite the fact that the members often possess exaggerated high-strung temperaments.

The pastor who wants a challenging musical program in his church will not be content with a mere quartet of warblers, no matter how high class they may be. The large volunteer chorus is always preferable, possibly featuring a quartet of outstanding soloists.

A choir is not intended to give just variety and entertainment to a service, nor to gratify the artistic tastes of the congregation, nor simply to provide a means of culture for vocalists. Its primary purpose should be to lead the people in worship and praise. This should be the underlying motive in the selection and rendition of every number.

Is it unfair to say that it is a revelation of weakness when a church confesses its inability to bring about the organization of its musical forces headed by as large a volunteer chorus of singers as possible? The organization of such a group should not be a free-forall affair. It is not too much to demand a voice test for each applicant, and it would improve many a choir-though this may hurt a little-if certain dear old members who have unconsciously developed an old age unsteadiness in their voices could be induced to honorably resign, and I mean "honorably." How encouraging it has been through the long years to see them in their places at every rehearsal and Sunday service.

If the male section of the choir is large enough and sufficiently balanced in its parts, it is well once in a while for them to form the choir alone. The same can be done with the women, though a men's group is usually more popular.

Junior Choirs

The church should not be satisfied with only an adult choir. A young people's organization of high school age is of great value, not only in tightening the church's grip on the young people, but in serving as a feeder for the older choir. This group is a precious treasure, but

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ign the Church BY HARRY DIXON LOES

About good and bad song leaders . . . choirs for adults and youth . . . choruses . . . and hymnbooks

it must be handled with care. If young people are to be held, they must be kept busy. Simple children's songs or only hymns and songs out of the regular church book will not suit them. With the high standards of music prevailing in our public schools today, they must be given pieces at rehearsals that will make them get down to business.

The question of using three-part or four-part music must be determined by the number and quality of voices. The problem that will always exist is the changing voices of the boys. A boy who can sing first tenor one season may turn out to be a bass next year. While he is in the process of vocal adjustment, he can't hit either the high notes or the low ones, yet he wants to sing. Fortunately the vocal transition among girls is not so pronounced.

After the young people's choir has mastered enough numbers it might be well for them to occupy the choir loft once a month. Certainly no forward-looking adult choir will oppose such a practice.

One plan that will help sustain interest is to arrange with other churches for periodic programs by the youth chorus. These can be given on week nights or on Sunday afternoons. An offering taken at these performances will help pay for the music and other necessities. Trips to nearby towns are beneficial in several ways. The youngsters will return home proud of their achievements. The time of fellowship together will be good for them, and other churches will see what can be done and be inspired to do likewise.

The up-to-date pastor and musical director will not stop here. They will rally the boys and girls in the junior department into a choir. This choir should have officers, committees, and social times, just like the older choirs. It is good training for them, and will impress them with the worth-whileness of their group and help keep them interested.

The songs they sing will naturally be comparatively simple, and yet it is surprising how juniors can take hold of some pieces that are considered of intermediate grade. Care should be exercised not to use too many "humpty dumpty" songs crowded with dotted notes and syncopations. They are old enough to appreciate and understand to a degree choice, stately hymns as well as good gospel songs.

It must be remembered that the boys' and girls' voices are comparatively weak and their vocal muscles are still taking form. The leader should strive for deli-

cacy in tonal effect rather than volume of forced singing. To shout, "Let 'em hear you 'way down town" is the best way to ruin their tender voices. Only children who have naturally high voices should be used in the upper range. A strained voice may result in a permanent injury. All of them can be taught to sing softly and sweetly, keeping the chest up and the countenance bright. From D to D is the average range.

It will be advisable to keep the age limit strictly within the junior scope. A ten-year-old boy will refer to an eight-year-old as "that baby." Among children and young people one year often makes a big difference.

The juniors themselves should be allowed to adopt a system of fines for tardiness, absence or misbehavior, all of course subject to the approval of the director. Awards for punctuality would also be in order. Strict but kind discipline should be exercised. Children must be made to behave in the church, even if it is at choir rehearsal in the basement.

Some churches have primary choirs. Though the average church does not have a membership large enough to provide for these different groups, the leaders should do what they can to get every age group into a choir that will furnish them opportunity for training and expression in Christian worship.

Congregational Singing

Congregational singing is the most beneficial music in the church. Just as participants in a performance are helped more than the listeners, singing by the entire audience can realize greater profit than a performance by the choir, regardless of how large or well trained it may be. The scriptural injunction is, "Let everyone praise the Lord"—not only those in the choir loft.

Nearly every problem in the song service is one of leadership. If the pastor and musical director know what they need, and want it strongly enough, they can usually get it. The musical program calls for serious planning and careful arrangement, and not the least matter is the spending of some money.

In Martin Luther's *Theses* he insisted that the congregation be permitted to sing. This needs to be restated today in some of our ultra-ritualistic churches. A singing Christian will be a more aggressive church member.

Is it unfair to judge the spirituality and evangelistic fervor of a church by its congregational singing? The joy of salvation, like an artesian well, will overflow in song in church, at home, and elsewhere. One does not need to be a



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trained singer to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Choir numbers, solos, and other special numbers add much to a service, but if a preacher wants his hearers prepared in a most effective way for his message he will have plenty of good congregational singing.

Dr. E. S. Lorenz writes, "Music assists in religious work first by preparing the hearers nervously and physically for the emotion to be aroused by the service or address." We should not be afraid of emotion in religion. If we have the right notion the emotion will be a sane one, and there will follow more motion in Christian accomplishment.

Sometimes different persons are needed to direct the choir and to lead the congregation. One man may be able to work wonders with a group of trained singers, but be unsuitable for drawing out a response from the audience. Knowing the technique of conducting, such as the correct motions for certain measures, is always an advantage, but it is surprising how people will sing under the spell of a leader with a winning smile and a charming personality and an enthusiasm that does not outshine his sincerity.

Hymn Books

There are plenty of proved and desirable songbooks on the market. One's [Continued on page 150]



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with Sugar Loaf Mountain in the distance.

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The Heart of the Mind

By Horace A. Larsen, Th.D.

THE WISE Solomon has given us his choicest advice while presenting the subject of true wisdom. Perhaps the center of this advice would be the words recorded in Proverbs 4:23, where we read: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

The Hebrew people used the word heart to designate anything that was central and important. To them, the heart meant the center of understanding, of courage, of all emotional experience. A man had either an honest heart or an evil heart; one could have a broken heart, a loving heart, a clean heart or a hardened heart.

The prophet called men to "incline their hearts toward God," to "turn the heart of the father toward the children," and so on. It is interesting to note that in more than seven hundred references to the heart in the Bible, very few of them speak of the physical heart and its bodily function. It is clear that the word heart is symbolical, and that the functions attributed to it are those of the mind and the soul.

David said of the ungodly, "They speak vanity every one with his neighbor: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak" (Ps. 12:2). James uses a phrase in which both mind and heart are linked together, and which in meaning parallels the words of David: "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. . . Purify your hearts, ye double

minded" (James 1:8; 4:8).

Let these few references out of the hundreds in Scripture suffice to teach us that "out of the heart proceedeth the issues of life," and that this heart is in the mind of man, for "as he thinketh in his heart, so he is" (Prov. 23:7).

The tremendous importance of rightness within one's inner being cannot be overestimated. Inside of our personalities—call it heart, mind or soul—is a set of convictions, motives and urges which constitute the essential "you." These things are the powers that drive us on for God and good, or toward evil and ruin.

A great many people are victims of urges and emotions quite foreign to their Christian faith. Some are torn by conflicts and tensions that they do not want. It will help all of us to have a better understanding of that often little-known world called the heart or mind, and especially the subconscious or unconscious mind.

Within the last month or two, the startling announcement was made to medical men that the small area of the physical brain affected by the dread "polio" had been located. Doctors have also located areas that have to do with controlling our speech, our walking, and other functions. But deep in the physical mind is an area known as the

subconscious, and its functions are capable of exerting great power. It is not too much to suggest that here is the "heart" of which the Bible speaks.

Several extremely important functions are committed to this mind. One of these tasks is that of memory. Long years after the "thinking" mind has forgotten things, they remain stored away, perfectly preserved in the subconscious mind. Nothing from the day of birth is forgotten.

A few observations might help us. This part of our mind has no reasoning power. Once a thing is committed or deposited in it, it acts on it as true, whether it is or not. Your rational mind alone has the power of discrimination, and since everything that reaches the subconscious mind must pass through the conscious mind, we readily see the importance of thinking only those things that are true and good.

We might describe the second function of this part of our minds as that of a marvelous "robot," a giant that carries out the directions of the heart—the real you. A man with a miserly, greedy heart will act in accord with the inner impulses that he has decided will rule his life.

We are now at the center of our subject when we realize that every thought is a command to this "robot" to carry out that thought in terms of life. Jesus

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Are You

A Sideline Christian?

Do you just watch your pastor perform, or are you in there "pitching"?

By Roy L. Laurin

THIS IS A spectator age. Recreation is arranged not for the participation of the masses, but for the many to watch the few. Sports and movies are spectator spectacles in which the only audience participation is in emotional stimulation and reaction. This has undoubtedly been true for a long time and is not entirely peculiar to our times, but the mechanization of the modern age is making it easy for us to become sideline spectators rather than participants.

The trend in church work is extending this characteristic of the age to the life and work of the church. We are content to go to church as religious onlookers, with incidental participation in singing, reading and praying. (Where participation really matters is in the paying.)

We are content to have our meditating done for us. We are content to have our thinking done for us, in either the deliverances of the pulpit or the dicta of organizations. We are content to have our work done for us. Paid workers are the vogue, instead of consecrated lay workers. The technique of church organization develops a program around committees, with the rank and file of the membership only spectators or at best only proxyparticipants through their pocketbooks.

All of this is in distinction to the genius and intent of Christianity. To begin with it was originally a lay movement, with its worship and extension conceived in the individual disciple. Jesus described Christians in terms of salt and light. This meant the direct application of each individual Christian to the immediate world in which he lives. It was personal and practical, individual and immediate. It was not professional religious effort segregated to one building. It was not one-day religion shut off from the practical activities of life.

Jesus further spoke of Christian service in terms of a harvest for which there was need of laborers. The inference of His prayer request was that the laborers were to be from the ranks of disciples, and that they were to participate personally in the ingathering.

Pentecost with its equipment for service was not a special preparation for a select class of workers. Its experience came to a cross-section of disciples who fulfilled certain prescribed conditions,

and who in turn became the instruments of divine employment.

In a single chapter (II Tim. 2) the apostle Paul describes the Christian in terms of teacher, soldier, athlete, husbandman and student. These are all participant activities. And in all these descriptions the large place is for participation.

As participants we are the object of the gaze of a vast number of spectators who watch the contest of modern life. It is described in stadium terms—"Seeing we also are encompassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

Some years ago the Atlantic Monthly carried the article "Christians and Criminals," by Margaret Prescott Montague, in which she described her reactions while attending a church service. What she observed was the church's wastefulness—a waste not of material goods, but of goodness itself. The spirit of devotion is constantly evoked and poured forth, but without appropriate application. Churches are busy collecting money, but not service or talent or action. Churches are generally activated by a very few devoted and hard-working souls, but most people are just wasted.

The churches, she observed, are full of Christians and the jails are full of criminals. Why not bring some gospel to the jails? After all, what are Christians for? In fact, that is exactly what Christians are for. It is the personal application of their salt and light to the world's corruption. Theirs is light which is meant to shine "before men," yet we invariably confine our shining to the sanctuary where we do our singing, praying and assenting. We shine on Sunday before God, but on Monday our light is hid under the bushel of business or the bed of languor.

Miss Montague closed her article by saying, "And so farewell, my Christian friends, I'm off to jail—where you, too, should go." To jails we might add a long list of places, including hospitals, which are the scenes of suffering and sorrow where Christian comfort and witness is desperately needed. Our cities teem with juveniles, whose delinquency arises largely because we are wasting Christianity. The homes of America are filled with the



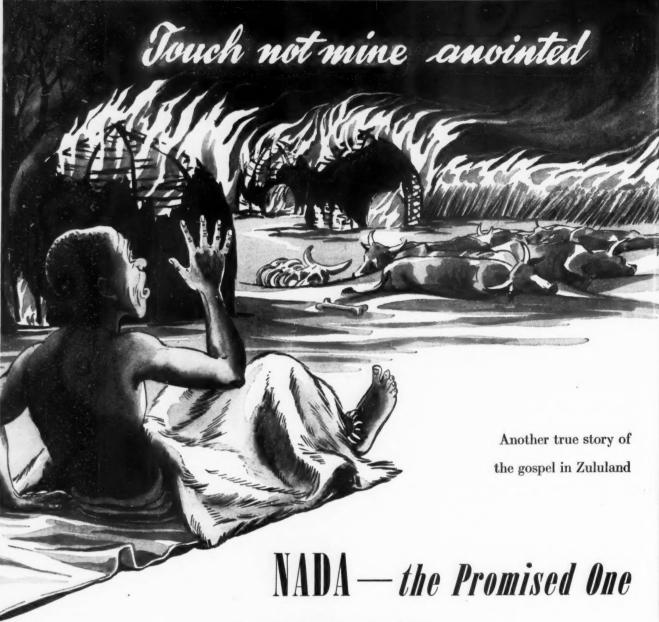
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unchurched and are fertile fields of endeavor for Christian witnesses. Each year thousands of men and women are released from prisons, reformatories and institutions who could be saved and salvaged if there were some Christian shock troops to fling into this untouched sector.

The churches of America are planning expansive and expensive building programs. Attractive edifices will go up chiefly in our large centers of population. While there is of course necessity and justification for churches, these buildings will in no sense correct the wrong inherent in our present methods. What is needed is more dispersion and not more concentration. If churches were conceived as dispersal points, their multiplication would be justified. If they were used as centers of training in life and service, the capital investment would be bringing a greater return in imperishable things of the Spirit.

If Colossians 3 speaks of the clothing of character, then Ephesians 6 is complementary, for it speaks of the armor of warfare. Both are preparations for participation in life and its warfare. Then, onward, Christian soldiers!

I have long since ceased to pray, "Lord Jesus, have compassion on a lost world." I remember the day and hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, "I have had compassion upon a lost world, and now it is time for you to have compassion! I have given my heart, now give your heart!"—A. J. Gordon



By Alan Livingstone Wilson

Illustration by Phyllis Brannen

HERE IS NADA?" The whitewashed, sunbaked mission hall on the hill was swarming with shrill woollyheaded Zulu picannins. Sunday school was in the offing, and Pastor Nodola and his buxom wife were busy "bossing up" the staff. The faces of the dozen or so Bantu maidens grew grave, and a gleam of fear—that which Nodola associated with the days of his pagan past—dawned in the eyes of some of them. No one would speak.

"Come, children," he said gravely; "why are your mouths locked? I ask a simple question. You act like the tongueless! Where is Nada, the teacher of the tiny ones?"

They looked at one another, traces of fear still lingering. Then one spoke up. "Nada is in trouble."

"Trouble?"

The girl nodded. "She is a 'promised one,' you must remember, Pastor. And promises have a way of turning up at awkward times!"

Nodola caught his breath, and his face reflected something of the expression of his staff. He knew the customs of his people, for he too was a Zulu. At one time he had been one of Dinizulu's bravest warriors, steeped in cruelty and superstition, knowing no code but that handed down by generations of savages—the code of fetish and taboo; his heritage, fear and dense darkness. Now he was liberated from it all—but he knew the strength of the old fetishes.

His heart sank as he thought of Nada, a fine, high-spirited, talented girl; the best teacher in the school; a girl who had shown exceptional intelligence in grasping the gospel story and all its implications. Now she was in danger.

He called the school to order, sharply, telling the other teachers that he would hear more of the matter later; then went on with his task with a heavy heart. Afterward, he elicited more particulars. It was as he surmised. She had been promised to a suitor when she was only an infant—to a man fifty years her senior then; now he was almost senile, for the Zulu ages quickly. Lobola had been paid long ago—eleven stringy native cows—and Nada's father would have to hold to his promise and sacrifice Nada to this blackhearted wretch who already had six wives. What a custom!

The situation seemed hopeless and, for the life of him, Nodola failed to see a way out. He could only pray; was not the

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After classes had been dismissed he walked slowly and heavily into his little whitewashed cottage and unburdened his heart to Zwami, his faithful wife. Her calm, dignified black face grew graver as he spoke, and she could only shake her dook-covered head in dismay. Only too well she knew the hard customs of her father, and the force of the cruel taboos. She too had been promised to an old man. and only his timely death had freed her to marry the man of her choice. Death seemed to be the only key to unlock the fetters that now appeared to be closing on the Zulu lassie for whom they were concerned.

"Shall we not seek the intervention of the Great Ujesu?" she said simply, and Nodola fell on his knees beside the rough deal table, and together they besought the aid of Him who can unravel life's

toughest tangles.

WHILE THEY PRAYED they heard a faint groan, a rustle, then a thud as the body of a lissome Bantu girl fell on the mud floor. It was Nada. Tenderly they raised her up. Her face was swollen, her eyes puffed, her bare back full of cruel welts. Tears ran down the marred face.

"My father did it," she wailed. "He beat me because I vowed I should not marry old Tagati"-truly named the evil one. Her voice trailed away in a moan of

agonv.

The pastor and his wife looked at each other over the recumbent form of their charge with dumb, helpless misery mirrored in their honest black eyes. "What is there to do?" whispered Nodola. "Her father is within his rights to try to compel her to link hands with this pagan wretch. He must keep his promise—or return the cows—and they have long since dried up and died! Lord, help us!"

The sun went down suddenly, the room grew dark, and the trio knelt on-these brands plucked from the burning, these childlike black natives, not very long released from years of slavery and pitchy darkness. And God, who loves the simple, and is ever near to the broken and contrite in heart, drew near in that hum-

ble shack.

BARIMBA SAT in his lowly grass hut, his head hanging, and a sulky cloud on his brow. Nada crouched nearby, weeping hopelessly. Nodola stood, a picture of ministerial wrath, pleading a useless cause. Nada had stayed the night; her wounds had been soothed and dressed, and they had taken her back home the next day. The pastor and his wife knew they must. The mission must never be reproached with the sin of separating families.

So Nada had to take up her cross again. The pastor did his best to make it a little lighter for her, and with all the impassioned eloquence of the Bantu expostulated with the sullen father on the wickedness of a custom that would bind a radiant young woman to a seared old man, would bind youth to age, and prevent a perfectly reasonable friendship

been attracted to young Pastor Hlatshwayo, of Tulega. He is God's man; he would make you a good son-in-law. Why break two hearts because of a vow made many, many moons ago?'

Barimba savagely poked the embers of the clay-encircled fire in the center of the hut. "Have I not spent the lobola?" he snarled. "The wench has been promised to Tagati: he's paid his price. The cows brought me much milk and many feasts of meat when they died. Shall I go into the spirit world and bring them back so I can return them to the old one? Pah! You talk as the women folk!"

Nodola saw the force of his argument, and threw out his arms in a helpless gesture. He looked at the weeping girl

pityingly. What could he do?

"O Barimba," he said at last, "tell me this. Do you give me permission to seek out the aged one and try to persuade him of the folly of his course of action? If I can do so, will you agree to your daughter releasing him and marrying the man

of God?"

Barimba nodded moodily. He loved his lively daughter, and desired her happiness, but because of his avarice of two decades ago he had consigned her to years of misery, and denied her all the natural joys of youthful companionship and marriage with one of her own age. He wished he knew a way out of the impasse, but with his one-track mind he could see no other course than the fulfillment of the old vow, or ceaseless nagging by old Tagati, much as he desired to see his girl happy. When she had be-come stubborn and vowed she'd never live with the old man, he had grown sav-

from springing up. "You know Nada has age, and had beaten her fiercely. He sighed heavily. Nodola saw the interview was at an end and withdrew. Nada wept

> As Nodola looked into the red, bleared eyes and leering countenance of old Tagati, his spirits sagged still more. Truly no help would be forthcoming from this source. The lecherous old scoundrel-with his cowed, ill-fed wives busying themselves at a respectable distance from their lord-plainly meant to "have and to hold" what he felt was rightfully his.

An evil smile twisted his withered features. "Shall I lose my young heifer whom I have nurtured these many

years?" he said cunningly.

The pastor clenched his fists and his heart grew hot within him, but he checked himself with an effort. Violence would never do, although he felt an urge to wipe the vile smile off that senile face. Nor would an appeal to the man's better feelings help-he had none. Steeped in heathen ways, a consistent rejecter of Christ and His teachings, he was hard as the root of the twisted mimosa tree.

Nodola prayed for strength, for light, for guidance. As he gazed into that toothless, grinning face a word stole into his mind-"Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." That was it! That was the axle on which the whole wheel turned! He would smite the Lord's enemy with that dart!

Old Tagati's smile died away as he saw the growing excitement dawning on his visitor's face, saw his eves light up, and saw the pointed finger aimed at his heart.

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Only One Needed

MAC ROBBINS LONG

Shame on us, as we falter here, and make weak flesh our arm! To let the heart depart from God, and find vain man our charm! The hosts of earth, and Egypt's strength, the mighty, won by hire, These are our trust, not men of God, made men of God by fire!

God sets His separate ones apart, He allies with one man, Deals with the individual, and has since time began. One Abraham was called from Ur, and his sole faith sufficed To show men first the grace of God, the imager of Christ!

One Samson there on Etam's rock was all the Lord required; One David in the hour of shame, the cowering army fired; One Gideon, one Shamgar, and one Ehud bore the weight Of all the people, all the cause, when these were large with fate!

One Daniel saw the visions vast, made wise through Gabriel's lore; And one Elijah, and with him—who thinks God needed more? One Nehemiah built the wall, and in her darkest time; One Judas Maccabeus shown at Zion's sword sublime!

One Luther smote our fetters off; one Knox made Scotland free; One Whitefield roused a sleeping Church; one Wesley helped as he; One Moody preached the love of God; one Evans rescued Wales; And who will go at midnight now, when every watcher pales?

Oh, how men limit God's great power, as if He needed most The merger of the multitude, the wealthy group, the host! They homage best Jehovah's might who see His changless plan: God glorifies omnipotence by leaguing with one man!

By Frank Bertram Miller

HE Bible has power to convince of "When they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). The Spirit had been poured out on these servants of God, and as they gave forth God's truth, the listeners were convicted in their hearts. Peter had quoted much from the Old Testament in his message. In the case of the Philippian jailer, the Word of God, as given by Paul and Silas, was used as a powerful weapon to convict him of his sin and lead to his salvation.

Evidences of the power of the Bible to convince of sin are on every hand, and have been attested to in innumerable instances. How God used the message from Himself through His prophet Nathan (II Sam. 11:12)! Note David's penitential prayer (Ps. 51).

Many through merely reading the Bible have been convicted and converted. This was so in the case of the young college mathematician who was so proud of his mathematical prowess, boasting that there was no problem too hard for him. But one day a fellow student, who was a Christian and a soul-winner, felt led of the Spirit to write Mark 8:36, 37 on a piece of paper and slip it under the mathematician's door. In anger the young man tore it up, but he could not escape the words, though he tried to walk them off, sleep them off, dance them off. When he later entered a gospel mission and heard the speaker give a brief Bible exhortation, he gladly solved the questions he could not otherwise solve, on bended knee and with humble heart.

The Bible has power to regenerate.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God" (I Pet. 1:23). "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth" (James 1:18). "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (II Pet. 1:4). (Note John 3:5 with Titus 3:5 and Eph. 5:26.)

The Word of God is life-begetting. It is not only living itself ("which liveth and abideth forever"), but it produces life, driving out deadness, and bringing into spiritual being.

The Bible's regenerating power has been manifested in all the world, pro-



The Word of God produces, fosters, and develops true faith.

anew. John 6:37 brought in John Newton. former vagabond sinner. It is of interest to hear glad testimonies of how this or that verse brought men and women to salvation. Every true case of regeneration has a Bible foundation.

The Bible has power to produce genuine faith.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). In the case of the jailer, "They spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house" (Acts 16:32). Then the jailer, that same hour of the night, washed their blood-scarred stripes, was baptized immediately, he and all his household, and took the disciples into his own house and fed them, rejoicing, and believing in God.

Read Begbie's Twice-Born Men or Carl Henry's accounts of the trophies of grace in Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, for incidents showing the power of God's Word to produce faith to a remarkable degree in sin-darkened, damned hearts and lives.

The Word must be properly "mixed with faith" (Heb. 4:2) in order to produce results.

Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace our path when wont to stray:

Stream from the fount of heavenly grace, brook by the traveler's way.

ducing transformed lives and making Bread of our souls, whereon we feed, true manna from on high;

Our guide and chart, wherein we read of realms beyond the sky.

Word of the everlasting God, will of His glorious Son;

Without thee, how could earth be trod, or heaven itself be won?

Lord, grant us all aright to learn the wisdom it imparts,

And to its heavenly teaching turn, with simple, childlike hearts.

-Bernard Barton If we would help individuals to Christ, we must give them the Word of God. for only thus will true faith be produced.

To get answers to prayer, read and study the Word, and base your faith on its sure promises (Mark 11:24). Faith claims these promises. (Note John 15:7; I John 5:4; Eph. 6:16, 17; Heb. 11:33, 34.) The Word of God produces, fosters and develops true faith. The faith that brings victory is that based upon, and produced by, the Bible.

The Bible has power to cleanse.

"Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word" (Eph. 5:25, 26).

Dr. R. A. Torrey used to say: "Take frequent baths in the Word of God." Jesus said to His own: "Now are ye clean through the word which I have spoken

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unto you" (John 15:3).

The psalmist asks and answers a question: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Ps. 119:9).

The old heathen woman came again and again to the missionary to hear the Word of God. Finally the missionary told her it seemed to be no use. The old lady reminded her that when she put her basket in the stream it washed away the uncleanness, and every time she heard the Word of God it helped to cleanse her heart and mind. Impure thoughts, sinful ideas, wrong impressions and evil deeds have a tendency to depart when one rightly reads and uses the Word of God. It is God's standard for right conduct in Christian living.

The Bible has power to build up be-

"I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

In His priestly prayer Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). No wonder the Bereans were more noble than the Thessalonians, in studying the Word daily!

In his epistles, the apostle Paul always emphasizes the importance of the right use of the Bible to build up in the most holy faith. It is the food for the soul that gives spiritual marrow to the bones, that strengthens to stand, that causes one to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Weak Christians are not Bible-reading, studying Christians. The right use of the Bible will give one spiritual backbone and spiritual muscles.

"It is the treasure house of gold,

From whose supplies I would not part; It gives returns a thousand-fold

When planted in the human heart. Holy Bible, Book divine, Precious treasure, thou art mine."

Take the Bible as it is, and believe it with all your heart, for it is reliable and means just exactly what it says. A. B. Simpson has so expressed it, in his unique wav:

There are some who believe the Bible, and some who believe a part;

Some who trust with reservation, and some with all their heart.

But I know its every promise is firm and true always:

It is tried as precious silver, and it means just what it says.

It seems strange we trust each other, and only doubt our Lord;

We will take the word of mortals, and vet distrust His Word:

But, oh, what light and glory would shine o'er all our days,

If we would always remember that He means just what He says.

The Bible has power to make one wise. "The entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding to the simple" (Ps. 119:130), "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). "All scripture . . . is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for inof God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished [perfected] unto every good work" (II Tim. 3:16, 17).

Torrey said that the man who studies the Bible and neglects all other books will be wiser than the man who studies all other books and neglects the Bible.

There is a tendency today to substitute books of theology and philosophy for the Bible itself, and to think that modern scholarship knows more than the writers of the Bible. It was suggested by a great denominational leader that it would be well for the ministers of that body to go to their libraries and get down books by writers of other days, since their writings were more reliable and authentic than many of today. He also urged going back to the Bible itself.

Another has stated that we need a spiritual resurrection in some present-day theological seminaries and Christian (?) colleges, because they have so long buried the truths of God and the Word of God.

The Bible has an answer to every problem and question of mankind. It is most interesting to read statements by some of the world's greatest men as to the wisdom of the Bible, its power to make men truly wise, naturally and spiritually.

The Bible has the power to give one true assurance of eternal life.

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ve may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (I John 5:13). (Read Rom. 10:9-15; I Pet. 1:25; John 6:68.) Do not take man's word for your salvation, but base your assurance on the Bible.

"I read it in God's Word,

And I believe it:

Yes, I believe it, truly believe it;

I read it in God's Word,

And I believe it; And that is all I need to do."

Perhaps one of the reasons why some do not get any assurance of salvation when they profess Christ as Saviour is because they do not have a Bible basis for their belief. The simple motto puts it thus:

"Jesus did it; God said it:

I believe it; That settles it!" An acrostic says: "Forsaking

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That spells F-A-I-T-H! I know it, because God's Word says it! His Word gives me full assurance of ever-

struction in righteousness: that the man lasting life. His Word has stood the test of time. Others have gone to heaven on it, and so can you. One needs to have full assurance of eternal life in this present life, before eternity is ushered in.

O Book of life, of love and truth. My hope of heaven I find in thee; The only guide of age and youth; The Word of God, His gift to me. -Homer

Dwight L. Moody once related that right after the Chicago fire he met a man who said, "Moody, I hear you lost everything in the fire."

"Well," said Moody, "you understand it wrong, for I did not."

"How much have you got left?"
Moody answered, "I can't tell you; I have a good deal more than I lost."

"You can't tell how much you have?" "No!"

"I didn't know you were so rich."

"I suppose you didn't."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean just what I say. I got my old Bible out of the fire; that is about the only thing. I saved it from the burning city, and one promise came to me that illuminated that city a good deal more than the fire did-'He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God.'" What assurance!

The Bible has power to bring peace and to produce joy in the heart.

"I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints" (Ps. 85:8). "And he [the King, Christ] shall speak peace unto the heathen" (Zech. 9:10). "Great peace have they which love thy law" (Ps. 119:165). "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart" (Jer. 15:16). "These things have I spoken unto [Continued on page 118]

"Thy Word have I hid in my heart."



The Portion of Joseph

JOSHUA, Chapters 16 and 17 Studies by Carl Armerding

There are many of us whose souls are saved, but whose lives, like Ephraim and Manasseh, are lost

F COME NOW to a consideration of the inheritance of the sons of Joseph. Since the order in which the tribes inherited was determined by lot, and the whole disposing of that was of the Lord, we know that it was He who chose to put the tribe to which Joshua belonged in the second place here.

It is interesting to observe that that was the natural order also. Judah, the son of Leah, was born before Joseph, the firstborn of the beloved Rachel. Later we shall see how in the case of the sons of Joseph the natural order is reversed and Manasseh gives place to Ephraim (cf. Josh. 16:5; 17:1). That was the order in which Jacob blessed them, "guiding his hands wittingly" (Gen. 48:14). Jacob had evidently learned, in principle, that "the first man" who "is of the earth, earthy," must give way to "the second man, the Lord from heaven" (I Cor. 15:47).

In the prophecy concerning his sons we find that Jacob had a good deal more to say about Judah and Joseph than he did about any of the others. Concerning the latter, from whom Joshua descended, he said, "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well: whose branches run over the wall" (Gen. 49:22). And in the passage now before us we find that the first turning point in Joseph's border was at "the water of Jericho on the east." We are inclined to believe that that refers to the spring which was healed in the days of Elisha, who "cast salt in there," saying, "Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters: there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land" (II Kings 2:21).

It is quite possible that the "water of Jericho" was originally sweet, and that its uselessness in the days of Elisha was a result of the judgment poured out upon Jericho in the days of Joshua. But if Joseph was to be a "fruitful bough" this must be changed. And the fact that such a change was wrought by Elisha, the prophet of grace, is suggestive, to say the least. Moreover, the name Ephraim means "double fruit." Thus we see how the prophecy of Jacob had a fulfillment even in those early days, the earnest of a greater fulfillment yet to come.

All of this is in connection with Jericho, which, by the way, is mentioned three times in Joshua 16:1. In the very place

where God poured out His wrath, there He showed mercy, and made the wonderful promise that "there shall not be from thence any more death and barren land."

"So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance." Manasseh was the firstborn of Joseph, and he is put first here. But in the very next verse, as we have already observed, Ephraim is introduced and we do not hear of Manasseh again until we come to verse 9.

I take it that the first four verses of Joshua 16 speak of that which was common to both the sons of Joseph. The verses which follow in this and in the next chapter give us the details. Among them there are some interesting features which now claim our attention.

In Joshua 16:9 we read, "The separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh." Separate, and yet among! These two brethren had much in common, but they also had that which was special and distinct.

We read later (Josh. 17:8) that "Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim." "The coast of Manasseh also was on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea: southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea is his border" (vv. 9, 10). The river divided them, and yet they could share it in common. It would be a source of refreshment to them both. The one had access to the benefits from the south side, and the other from the north. The point of view was different, but it was the same river that served them both.

So in the Church, "there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh in all" (I Cor. 12:4-6).

Intermingled for Fellowship

How blessed to read immediately following this that "they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east" (v. 10). If we take into consideration the meanings of these two names, the whole thing takes on even greater significance. Asher means "happy," and Issachar "hire" or "reward" (Gen. 30:13, 18). The talents bestowed may differ in quantity according to the ability of the

recipient. But the words of commendation for faithfulness are the same: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21, 23).

The idea of fellowship in the inheritance is seen again in verse 11, where we read of certain cities which "Manasseh had in Issachar and Asher." We have seen already that Ephraim had cities among those of Manasseh. Now we see how Manasseh, in turn, inherits cities among those of Issachar and Asher. This overlapping and intermingling is most interesting. The inheritance of each tribe was distinct, and yet they were inseparable. What a lesson for us today!

Another beautiful thing in this passage is the case of the daughters of Zelophehad (17:3). These women valued their inheritance so much that they took up the matter with Moses long before they got into the land, and they obtained what had been promised them. Although they belonged to the "weaker sex," they were not to be left out when the inheritance was being apportioned. Their determination is most inspiring. The daughters of Zelophehad were mindful of the promises of Jehovah. They expected them to be fulfilled, and they were not disappointed. They took the Lord at His word. and He honored their faith.

But the passage is not without its sad notes also. In contrast, as it were, to the determination of these women, we read of the Ephraimites that "they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute" (16:10). This part of the country has been described as "the fairest portion of the land of Palestine" (J. Lloyd). No wonder, then, that the Canaanites wanted to stay. And they did stay. But they should have been driven out. And the fact that they were not driven out manifests weakness on the part of the Lord's people.

While it is true that the Canaanites were made to "serve under tribute," that could never compensate for complete victory over them. How easily, at times, victory is sacrificed for tribute. It has been said that there are many whose souls are saved, but whose lives are lost, all for the sake of some worldly gain.

The children of Manasseh were evidently no better than the sons of Ephraim in this respect, for of them it is said that

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they "could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land" (17:12). And yet one of their brethren was "Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead," and "he was a man of war" (17:1).

But he was already in possession of "Gilead and Bashan," on the east of Jordan, and that may have been a reason why he was not keen to fight for the full possession of Manasseh's inheritance on the west of Jordan.

"Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but they did not utterly drive them out" (v. 13). That makes sad reading indeed. When they had grown strong enough to have expelled their foes, they still allowed them to dwell among them, merely putting them to tribute. Again, we repeat, how easily victory may be sacrificed for tribute, and we take second best when we might have had the best.

A Strength Not Our Own

To show how unsatisfactory all of this is, we find as we come to the close of this portion that the children of Joseph complained. They claimed to be "a great people." Yes, they even gave the Lord the credit for having blessed them hitherto (v. 14). But their complaint to Joshua was really a complaint against the Lord. It was He who had given them their portion of the land.

At first, Joshua challenged their claim to greatness. "If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee" (v. 15).

But the children of Joseph had evidently surveyed the situation, and they knew something, too, of the military

strength of the Canaanites. Apparently this led Joshua to concede their claim, saying: "Thou art a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot only: but the mountain shall be thine; for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be strong" (vv. 17, 18).

Joshua not only admitted that they were a great people, but he added, "and hast great power." Perhaps they did not realize how strong they really were. When One mightier than ourselves takes up His abode within us, then are we strong indeed. The mountain was to be theirs. The forest lirewise was to be theirs, even to its utmost bounds, but they would have to cut it down. It was not to be gained without hard labor on their part. And as for the Canaanites who had iron chariots and who were strong, they would drive them out.

Such was Joshua's reply to those unsatisfied brethren of his. He put before them all the prospects of victory and possession, but not apart from fighting and hard work. They had but to fulfill those conditions and there would be no doubt about the results. And then, together with the apostle Paul at a later date, they could celebrate by saying, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:57, 58).

Faith and works make a good team, and can do what unbelief would think to be impossible.—M. A. Monday

DIG DEEPER

Somewhere we have read of a farmer who once dug a well, and to this well he brought his horses and cattle to drink. From it he drew for a long time sufficient for all the needs of his herd. But a drought came one summer and the flow of water diminished in the well and ceased to refresh these herds. Consequently, he had to drive them to surrounding springs and brooks to give them the necessary water.

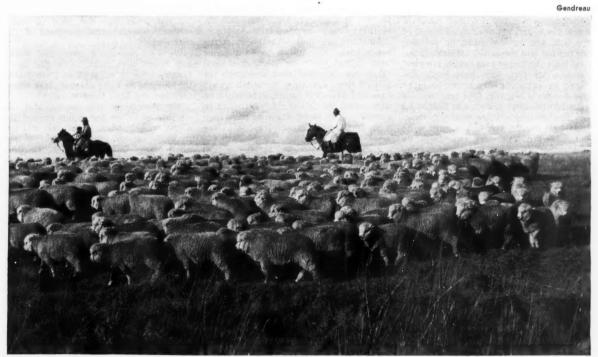
One day a visitor stopped at his home and talked to him about his well. He said, "Why not dig the well deeper?"

"But," declared the farmer, "the next digging must be done through a layer of rock and flint."

The visitor was persistent and said, "Even so, though it is necessary to go through flint and rock, blast the rock and just a few more feet may give you the most refreshing stream of water you can imagine."

This was done and to the farmer's amazement and joy the blast brought in a gushing stream of water, which not only filled the well but overflowed it. It was a veritable gold mine to his homestead.

Is it not true that with many of us there has been a spiritual drought, and there is no water in our well? We have dug as far as the rock, but we have nevergone through the rock. Too many Christian lives are after all only superficial. Dig deeper, brethren! Let's blast a few rocks and see if there will not come a stream of water of divine grace that will so fill our hearts and lives with the glory of His grace, that serving Him and doing His will, in fact the whole routine of Christian life and duty, will become a joy and pleasure.—Christian Monitor



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When Thou Walkest by the Way

By R. I. HUMBERD

How everyday happenings can illustrate

Bible truths to our children

THE GOD OF CREATION and the God of revelation are the same God. The God who made the world and the God who gave the Word are the same, therefore we can expect to find no conflict between the natural and the spiritual.

Parents should take heed to the admonition to place the Word of God "in thine heart." God says, "Teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou riseth up and ... write them upon the posts of thy house" (Deut. 6:7-9).

The world about us is full of illustrations of scriptural truths. As parents we should have a thorough knowledge of God's Word and be ever alert to point out events in God's world that will bring scriptural truths to the minds of our children. Let me give a few illustrations from our family experiences.

One day while driving through a woods in a wagon, I was startled by a loud shout, and looking back I saw my little boys greatly excited. We had just driven beneath the overhanging branch of a beech tree and a limb had caught a hat. There it hung some rods behind. It was an easy matter to bring to our minds how Absalom "went under the thick bough of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth" (II Sam. 18:9).

A large hollow stump made an ideal furnace. My little boys were busily engaged in gathering dry sticks to make the fire burn brightly. One boy found a branch with dead leaves and laid it on the fire. Instantly there was a flash as the leaves caught fire. In his surprise he fell backward. The story was instantly recalled of the three Hebrew men who were preserved alive when Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into the burning, fiery furnace, and of the death of the guards who threw them in (Dan. 3:2).

When one little boy tried to open the garage door, it slipped off the track and fell upon him. After the excitement had passed, the children were reminded of the story of God's strong man, Samson, who carried the gate of the city of Gaza away with him (Judg. 16:3).

My children were helping me dig potatoes. One of them called my attention to an old potato which was wet and rotten. It was an easy matter to recall John 12:24 and show how that potato had to die to bring forth fruit. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fell into the ground and die it

abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

A puff of wind may take off a little hat and roll it along the ground, but it gives a fine opportunity for a lesson on the new birth.

"Sonny, do you know where that wind came from?"

"No."

"Do you know where it went?"

"No."

"Well, that is just it. Jesus said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit'" (John 3:8).

Being born again may be mysterious, but no more mysterious than the wind. We accept the wind. We open our lungs and it rushes in, giving us physical strength. So can we accept the mysteries of the new birth. If we open our hearts, the Holy Spirit will rush in and give us spiritual life.

When it comes time to cut the finger nails, the story of Nebuchadnezzar, whose nails grew like eagles' claws, will readily come to mind (Dan. 4:33).

"When thou sittest in thine house" as you sit in the kitchen you can call attention to the boiling teakettle.

Children, see that teakettle, how the vapor comes out and is so soon gone? That is just like your life. James says, "It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). How foolish to be taken up with affairs of this world, which will so quickly vanish away, when we have such a short time to prepare for life in the great beyond.

A crowing rooster will recall the trial of Jesus and how Peter denied Him. "And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me" (Luke 22:34).

My two little girls were racing to gather the eggs. One got there first and locked the door, while the other stood without, yelling and pounding on the door. It was an easy matter for me to go over and recall the parable of the ten virgins: how five got in and five were too late, and the importance of ever being ready to meet the Lord.

John 12:24 and show how that potato had to die to bring forth fruit. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it prises that come from little hearts. I



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have some thirty charts that I use with my messages. The one of the underworld has a large stone archway. We were driving along a road in Pennsylvania, when one of the little tots saw a road running through a stone arch beneath the railway.

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"That looks like the road to hell," ventured the innocent occupant of the rear seat.

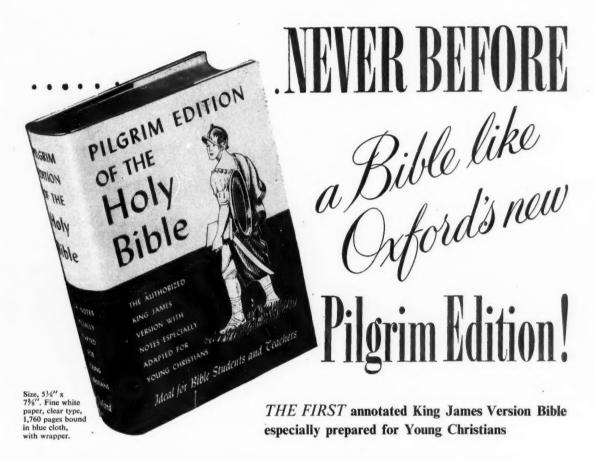
We were passing a river. The weeds and brush were thick along the bank. It came into the mind of one little fellow that it must be much like the place where they hid the little baby Moses.

We were in a large woods, and not wishing to lie on the damp ground for a rest, we selected a fallen tree. But the hardness of our pillow brought to the mind of my small companion the time that Jacob "took of the stones of the place, and put them for his pillows" (Gen. 28:11).

Some would have us believe it is useless to teach little children Scripture truths, but I gave a little fellow a nickel to learn John 3:16. Once while busy about his play, he suddenly stopped, and coming over to me said, "Papa, what does 'erlasting mean?"

God told Moses, "Write ye this song for you, and teach it to the children of Israel . . . for it shall not be forgotten" (Deut. 31:19-21).

His mother was giving the little fellow a bath when he began to sing, "Now wash [Continued on page 115]



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song leader to our country has most profoundly saved the cause of evangelism. I believe with all my heart that Australia was at the crossroads, that Communism and Romanism were forging ahead with utmost speed. But now I know that this great campaign will fire the churches, will fill the hearts of the clergy with a new desire, will instill into us to put forth greater efforts. And we thank God that this man came to our shores."

The trip had been planned for three years previous, in co-operation with churches and laymen on the continent. After a brief stay in Sydney, the first city on the schedule was Melbourne. Each suburb was visited before the twoweek series in the Olympia auditorium began. Then, the preparatory work completed, Dr. Appelman moved into the Exhibition Hall—the same hall that had been used by the Chapman-Alexander party years before.

Crowds of 4.500 on the opening night were nearly doubled by the final week. A spectacular thousand-voice choir was organized under the direction of Mr. Britton, probably one of the largest choirs ever to perform in the hall. When invitations were given, the aisles were crowded with Christians seeking rededication and others seeking salvation.

Meetings in Ballarat, Bendigo, Warnambool, Geelong, Tasmania, and Hobart were next on the itinerary, with town halls packed to capacity in each place. By May 15, the party had arrived in "the city of churches," Adelaide, to conduct a successful two-week campaign in the Tivoli Theatre there. It was evident that the Spirit of God had prepared

One hundred Adelaide ministers gathered early the first week to hear the American evangelist. Later, during a

noon hour, nearly a thousand students at the University of Adelaide gathered to hear an address on "The Real Thing." When the 3,500-seat Tivoli Theatre became too small to accommodate the evening audiences, an overflow hall a block away was hired. Noonday meetings were attended by more than a thousand people each day. At the close of the campaign, a member of the committee told Dr. Appelman, "We have not known anything quite so good since the days of Chapman and Alexander."

An official welcome from the Lord Mayor introduced the evangelists to Newcastle, Australia's great industrial city. Meetings scheduled for the Central Methodist Mission were crowded out the first day. Even when a transfer was made to the Town Hall, a large overflow crowd had to be accommodated in the basement.

As in other cities, the Newcastle campaign was not limited to evening meetings During the morning hours Dr. Appelman spoke to the dock workers and factory helpers. Homer Britton delivered addresses to the school children in the public schools, and publicity agent William A. Green conducted open-air services in downtown Newcastle. The fires of revival soon spread throughout the great community, as every section of the city was reached with the gospel.

But the highlight of the trip seemed to be reserved for Sydney, largest city in Australia and probably the nearest thing to an American metropolis found anywhere on the continent. During the first week there, noonday services were held in the beautiful auditorium of Sydney University. Students, some of whom came just out of curiosity or to create a disturbance, went away with hearts full of the love of Christ and a profound respect for Hyman Appelman. The university paper, that never prints anything of a religious nature, carried his messages on the front page. The sponsor of the series, the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, were loud in its acclaim of the converted American barrister who could turn a university campus into a place of revival. And the spiritual impact of his other Sydney meetings, already described as reaching thousands of laymen and ministers alike, marked a new peak in the history of Australian evangelism.

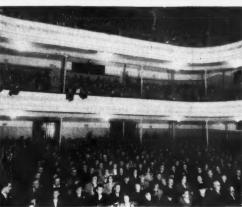
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paign. The Lord Mayor of Newcastle gave a reception for the party in the mayor's cham-

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NEWS of Conferences and Campaigns

Evangelists and other Christian workers reporting items for this department will please arrange to have copy reach the magazine not later than the 20th day of the second month preceding date of issue. This department is intended for news in concise reports of evangelistic and Bible conference work in general. We do not invite statements eulogizing the leaders or participants nor can we promise to print them.

Reports should be definite. Include the name of church and pastor or sponsoring organization as well as city, state, and dates of the meeting.

IDDIE WAGNER completed a week of meetings in the Memphis Union Mission, Memphis, Tenn, where Jimmy Stroud is director. Eighteen came to Christ during the meetings. Thirty-five were saved at meetings in the Brazil Baptist Church, Brazil, Miss., where William Guest is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Auger completed four weeks of meetings in a large aluminum and masonite portable tabernacle. The meetings were sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Hallstead, Pa., and the Lord blessed with a stir of revival among His own. Several were saved.

For eight nights the Eads, Colo., Evangelical Church was packed for the Sylvester Sanford meetings, where L. H. Morton is pastor. Many drove from a distance, and forty were saved in the meetings

O. W. Stucky reports the Lord is blessing the special work being done in the churches in and near Detroit as pastoral pulpit supply. He reports a number of conversions and many have expressed special blessings received through this ministry.

Eighteen additions are reported from the Marion Beene meetings in the New York Baptist Church, Athens, Tex., where Bob Polk is pastor. Overflow crowds are reported. One man who had been a drunkard for years found Christ as his Saviour. An average of 50 junior boys and girls came nightly to the "Booster Band" services.

The Gerber Gospel Group conducted two weeks of meetings in the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Dell, Wis., where L. L. McCormick is pastor. There were 50 who came to the altar for reconsecration and several made definite decisions for Christ. Souls also were won in meetings at Ellston, Iowa, and at Holmes, Iowa.

Edward VanderJagt was a speaker at the Central New York Bible Conference at Homer, N.Y., August 1-8. There were

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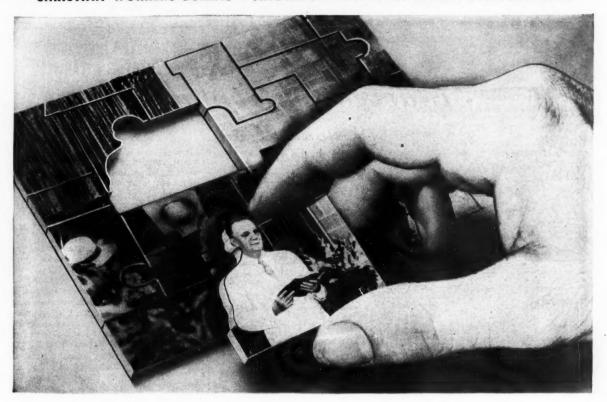
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By H. Warren Modricker



Praise God for a great deliverance! I have just returned from across the Gulf of Aden and the capital of Ethiopia where our council meeting was held. On the way back to French Somaliland, as my train was pressing onward toward the French Somaliland border, we suddenly came to a standstill. I think it was about 11:00 P.M. All of the passengers knew that we were passing through the much-feared land of the Isa tribe Somalis, that is, the Jesus tribe Somalis, named after the "prophet" Jesus. Whenever the Somalis want a killing job done they hire the Isa tribe to do it for them.

As our train came to a dead stop our lights went out. We heard in the dark distance what sounded like the voices of Somali women in distress being beaten by their men folk. As it was pitch dark no one could be seen. Mournful whoops were piercing the air away out in the inky darkness. I turned my flashlight

PRAISE God for a great deliverance! I toward the sound of the voices and spotted several persons, but I quickly turned it off for fear the light might where our council meeting was held. On the way back to French Somaliland, as have their women folk looked upon.

The whoops continued and increased and soon came from every direction all around the train. We sat in the darkness waiting for an explanation. Some of our Somali passengers shouted out to the mysterious people in the dark, asking them to stop fighting. Then suddenly we realized that women were not being beaten, but that an attack signal had been given and that we were being attacked! The wild, fearful Isa tribe was about to pounce upon us with guns and daggers!

Everyone's heart was stricken with fear. A moment later gunfiring was heard and explosions could be seen in the dark. The Isa Somalis were drawing near the train! We had about thirty-six passengers on

board, consisting of Somalis, Ethiopian women, three Italian men, one Greek merchant, and me. When the gunfire sounded, all the passengers rushed to our part of the train and fell to the floor in the darkness. A few of the Moslems ejaculated the name of Allah! Allah!

As we crouched on the floor of the train, two or three Ethiopian police who accompanied our train went forth to try to dissuade the enemy, who outnumbered us by a hundred, so I was told. For an hour shouting took place as our police endeavored to drive back the invaders. We were told that if we had wounded or killed just one of the enemy we would all have been shot and stabbed to death! Several times it appeared that the Ethiopian police were losing control of themselves and might fire to kill.

Finally a Somali passenger took the situation into his hands and argued back with the enemy, who as yet held themselves at a distance from the train so as not to disclose themselves. The ragga Isa (Jesus men) demanded that they be permitted to loot the train because they were hungry. They demanded grain, of which much is grown in Ethiopia and shipped to various parts of the world.

At last, about midnight, all the passengers were herded off the train into a solitary spot to await their fate. Voices of the enemy could be heard as the attackers scrambled into the train and smashed the freight cars with huge stones and robbed the freight at will. From midnight until after four in the morning, ragga Isa ran off with the booty. Two or three times groups of them drew near to the little crowd of passengers to do them harm. Instantly the women arose and started to run off into the darkness across the desert, crying, "Men, go away from us! Men, go away from us!"

Thank God, each time the enemy was turned back. Needless to say, I went to prayer, a little offside from the group of passengers, and pleaded the promises of God for deliverance. God gave me the word, "For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper" (Ps. 72:12). Surely we had no helper, and we needed deliverance when we called!

I was dead tired and hardly able to pray at times, and asked God to lay us on someone's heart. While praying I felt the Lord had heard, and I continued to ask Him to spare my baggage also, if it were His will. I asked God to spare at

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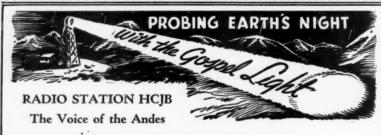
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Many Christians in Moslem West Pakistan have been brought into serious straits through the changes in that land during the past year. Large farms under Hindu and Sikh owners had previously given employment to numerous agricultural workers. After the flight of their owners, these large holdings were divided into small plots sufficient for a single family and distributed among the Moslem refugees, so Christian agricultural workers were thrown out of work. In addition, it is reported that two million more Moslems entered Pakistan than the non-Moslems who left, so that there is intense competition for other forms of employment, in which the Christian minority is naturally at a serious disadvantage.

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Central Asia. In 1940, under com-munist pressure, Swedish missionaries in western Chinese Turkestan (Sinkiang) were obliged to leave their work of nearly half a century, and they moved southward into India. Earlier this year we reported that they were again seeking to reopen the work in Turkestan. Going around through China, two missionaries were permitted to enter the land and visit their former stations. They found all the Christians scattered, most of them probably killed by their enemies. In spite of the apparent friendliness of the common people, Soviet influence was still too strong to permit the reopening of the work.

More encouraging is word from eastern Sinkiang, where China Inland Mission workers had formerly been stationed. A Christian Chinese postmaster and his wife had accepted a post here as a missionary opportunity. According to report, they have formed a nucleus around which former converts have gathered, and from which the light is now shining out into several other places with some regularity.

China. At Kuling, Kiangsi, the beauti-ful Fairy Glen Hotel has been turned over to the China Inland Mission by its British owner. Unable to return to its former location in Chefoo because of the communist occupation, the school for missionary children had not long ago been transferred to this resort center, where it crowded the mission premises. There was little or no room for the new missionaries in the language school, who would be expected to move to Kuling with the coming of summer. It was at this juncture that the sixty-five room hotel, with equipment, was given to the mission. God had again provided, through one of His servants.

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A missionary friend writes of him: "On my way up town in Pyengyang, Korea, one forenoon, I ryengyang, Korea, one forenoon, I heard someone singing with a powerful voice, 'Nal sarrang ha sim' (Jesus loves me). A few moments of silence. Then a huge shout, 'Yay Soo!' (Jesus)!

"Soon afterward he came into view—a man of seventy, with very severe, wrinkled face. He was walk-

ing right down the middle of the wide city street, Bible under arm. He gave out tracts to curious people, He gave out tracts to curious people, and quoted John 3:16 to them. Then he sang: 'Jesus loves me.' As I approached, his sternness vanished in an astonishing way. He bowed to an assumsning way. He bowed to me politely, and gave me the sweet-est smile, such as only a godly saint can give. I was astonished at its pure beauty, and the clear, reassuring expression. My heart went out to him, and I loved him; then and there."

Later feeling that his arrest by Japanese police was near, he travelled Japanese police was near, he travelled on foot, warning the people against the wicked idolatry of Shintoism. His own family did not know his whereabouts. But even as the police hounded him over the province, he won seventy new believers to Christ. Eventually arrested and cruelly mistreated, he died four years later in prison. That strong voice, silenced in death, will again shout "Yay-Soo!" on the resurrection morning.

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Japan. Somewhat better physical accommodations for missionaries are reported from Japan. A new military exchange rate has been set, which is much nearer the real value of the dollar. Also. the Japanese Board of Trade has opened a store in Tokyo for business people and others not connected with the occupation, who are not allowed to buy at the army PX or commissary. Prices are in United States dollars, which the government needs to finance its imports, and are about 30 per cent higher than here.

This is a help to the missionaries, who say they will no longer have to take all their food with them to the field as before. The government has also shown its appreciation of the missionaries in other ways, and the interest of the people continues high.

One missionary reports a hunger for tracts. One day, on passing a field where a ball game was in progress, he tossed out some tracts, and was amazed to see the game stopped so that the tracts could be picked up.

The housing shortage, however, is still acute for missionaries as well as for

Peru. A forward step in matters of evangelical literature in this country was taken recently when the Evangelical Union of South America decided to centralize the management of its two bookstores under a Peruvian, Sr. Ignacio Zuniga.

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Kenya Colony. "The Kikuyu tribe is at the crossroads. In this colony the Kikuyu tribe, as usual, seems to be the storm center. Once again, as in 1929 to 1931, they are in the sieve. Propagandists have overrun the tribe. Education is their god. 'The Bible and its teachings are lies of the white man, opiates to put us to sleep while they fleece us,' say they. The most highly educated in the tribe are the deadliest and most subtle enemies of the gospel of Christ, though most of them are church members.

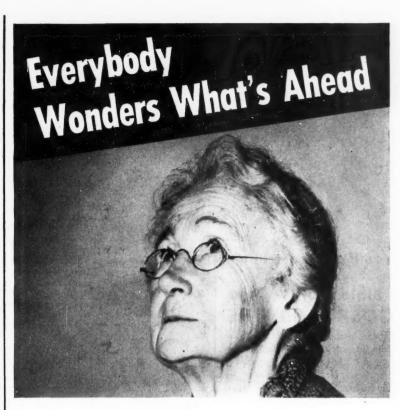
"In a certain section the missionaries actually have been commanded by leading church members and teachers to leave. Christian women have been forbidden to gather for their meeting of fellowship and prayer. Children's Sunday schools have been closed and all Sunday school helps ordered returned to the mission station. What shall we say to these things? 'Be strong . . . fear ye not.' 'If God be for us, who can be against us?'

"However, a work of the Spirit is taking place as well. Groups of people throughout the tribe have been gloriously saved and quickened by the Spirit of God. . . Willing to come out from the lukewarm, backslidden masses, when forced to do so they walk with Christ without the camp, receiving the same kind of treatment He was given."

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specious or false logic).

And I having come to you, brethren, came not having my message dominated by a superior rhetorical display or philosophical subtlety, or by a wisdom that is clever, cunning and crafty, authoritatively announcing to you the mystic secret (μαρτύριον, marturian), the testimony of God. Paul meant that when he preached the gospel to the Corinthians, he set aside all affection of cleverness or display of oratory or dependence upon false logic.

Verse 2-"Determined" (κρίνω, krinō), to separate, put asunder, pick out, select, choose, to make choice after weighing the issues. The negative is ob (ou). and negates the finite verb "determined," not the infinitive "to know," which would require $\mu \dot{\eta}$ $(m\bar{e})$. Paul did not decide "to know." He had considered the advisability of preaching the gospel with a display of oratory and philosophical subtlety, but had decided against it. For after weighing the issues, I did not decide to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him the cru-

Paul was faced with two procedures. either to preach Christ with a display of oratory and philosophical subtlety, thus winning the admiration of the Greeks but obscuring the cross; or of preaching Christ in utter simplicity, thus incurring the contempt of the Greeks, and to do the latter, trusting in the power of the Holy

Spirit to use the Word. Verse 3—"Was" (ἐγενόμην, egenomēn), literally, "I became," here the ingressive aorist which signifies entrance into a new state. And when I faced you, I fell into a state of weakness and fear and trembling, much of the latter. Any human poise or confidence Paul may have had as he entered in among the Corinthians disappeared as he faced them, for then he, shorn of any dependence upon Greek learning, found himself weak and nervous and trembling.

Verse 4—"Enticing" (πειθοῖς, peithois), to persuade. πιθανολογία (pithanologia) was used of specious and plausible argument. The Greeks put a premium on a veneer of false rhetoric and thin thinking. "Demonstration" (ἀποδείκνυμι, apodeiknumi), a showing forth. "Speech" ($\lambda \delta \gamma os$, logos), the content of the message.

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Verse 5—In order that your faith may not rest in men's philosophy, but in God's power. Paul did not want his hearers to leave with Paul but with Christ.

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When Thou Walkest by the Way

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me and I shall be whiter than snow."

At another time, he was having trouble while playing with his blocks and began to sing, "Jesus knows all about our troubles:"

Once he started to crawl upstairs, and began to sing, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

"When thou liest down." When my children were small, I would lie on the front room floor after supper and lay out my arms. Soon there was a row of heads down each arm, and I would go through the Bible stories two or three times in a winter. Verily, children never tire of Bible stories.

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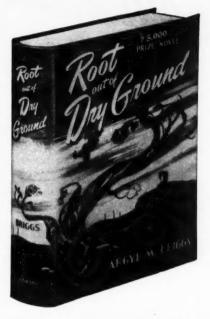
Some years ago, I went to the sale of my old grandmother's goods, shortly after she died. Among the many articles was a pile of worthless materials—just trash. Surely no one would bother with such a pile. But, yes, one person in that crowd had his eye on it and I got it all for a nickle.

The article that held my interest was an old picture of the finding of baby Moses. From babyhood until after I was married, that picture had hung in the same place on grandmother's wall, and it made a lasting impression upon my boyish heart.

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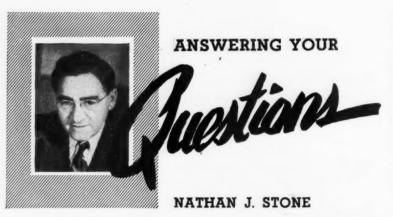
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PEN PICTURE OF JESUS

Is the enclosed description of Christ, giving details of His stature, figure, features, hair, etc., of any value? It purports to come from a first century Roman source and to appear first in the writings of Anselm, English Archbishop of Canterbury, in the eleventh century.—E.A.N., Bangor, Me.

It is very doubtful if this pen picture, or any such pictures, are at all authentic. In the first place, the only Publius Lentullus (the alleged author of this picture) which Roman history records lived about 60 to 70 B.C. There were no Roman governors in Judea or in the rest of Palestine before A.D. 10. Then the governors of Judea were never called presidents, as this card calls Lentullus. To our knowledge, there is no such record in the writings of Anselm.

The only "procurator" of Judea who could at all have given such a firsthand, detailed description of the Lord Jesus would have been Pilate, who was governor there between A.D. 26 and 36.

Any such descriptions or even portraits of our Lord can have little more than sentimental value for most people. There is a sense in which it is a knowing "Christ after the flesh." Perhaps this may be included in the thought of the apostle Paul in the words: "Even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know him so no more" (II Cor. 5:16, R.V.).

+ + + THE GOD OF JACOB

Why is the name Jacob used as it is without exception in the expression, "the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob"? Why should it not be the God of Israel, since his name was changed from Jacob to Israel? Abraham and Sarah are never referred to by their former names.—Mrs. J.B.H., Seattle, Wash.

A beloved expositor and teacher of the Word of God often wondered why the name Jacob was mentioned more than that of any other character in the Bible. He found the answer when on going through the records of his church he noticed that those who gave most trouble were the most frequently mentioned. Perhaps it is one reason why the name Jacob, the struggler, persists even after the change.

The change of name in his case, as one has pointed out, represents rather the idea of personal achievement than a

"divine destiny," as with Abraham. It is in a sense more personal. Jacob wrestled with God. He resisted, relying stubbornly upon himself, refusing to yield. He only yielded when disabled, and he bore the marks of his struggle and the old nature until the end of his days, ever a reminder of the name Jacob. There is something of a parallel between him and Peter in the New Testament. Jacob had always relied on his own strength, by carnal means. In him it was characteristic and predominant, as it is in his descendants to this day.

The divine purpose only reached its goal in him in spite of human hindrance in his natural character as self-sufficient. It is in him, whose name is particularly upon his posterity, and in whom his character is seen more than that of Abraham and Isaac, that God is seen as the mighty God of all grace and sufficiency. In the name "God of Jacob" is a constant reminder of this grace, and a source of comfort and hope. His descendants are still Jacob, not yet truly Israel. Perhaps in this sense the name "God of Jacob" is appropriate and significant.

+ + + LUKE

How is it that Luke wrote the Gospel which bears his name when he had no associations with Christ? Little is said about him, and he writes in a different way, although he relates the same stories.—Mrs. D.R.K., Media, Pa.

Luke the evangelist appears to be named only by the apostle Paul in Colossians 4:14 and a few other passages. Many early Christian writers believed he was a convert directly from heathendom and not first a proselyte to Judaism. It is evident that he was not an eyewitness of the ministry of the Lord Jesus (Luke 1:2). But as an instrument of "inspiration," it was not essential that he be an eyewitness.

He had been a constant companion of the apostle Paul throughout his missionary journeys, perhaps at times as a medical missionary. He was a man of culture and learning also, and so a fit instrument of the Holy Spirit for writing not only his gospel, but also the Book of Acts, which is recognized as being of greatest historical accuracy.

He no doubt had personal contact and acquaintance with many who had been eyewitnesses of the life and death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, who were

among those scattered abroad when persecution arose in Jerusalem (Acts 11:19-26). He later accompanied Paul to Jerusalem, and was no doubt able to visit many of the scenes of the Lord's works and discourses and to see other eyewitnesses. From such he would obtain much factual knowledge from the purely historical point of view.

From the divine standpoint, the Gospel is inspired by the Holy Spirit in its purpose, and in the selection and narration of events, words and deeds. It must be remembered that even the apostle Paul was not an eyewitness in the proper sense; yet alludes to events of the Gospels and was used of the Holy Spirit to record much in the New Testament.

CHRIST AND NATIONALITY

Since Ruth the Moabitess was an ancestress of His, did not the Lord Jesus have Gentile blood in His veins? Could He be fully of Jewish blood in this case? Were the Moabites looked upon as a Gentile nation? —D. S. K., Sheridan III.

There were other Gentiles besides Ruth who were in the line of the human ancestry of Jesus Christ. Probably among the kings of Judah later, there were those of heathen origin who were in that line. But all were too far removed (at least six hundred years) to be able to say He was of mingled human ancestry.

That is not so important, however. He was more than Jewish by birth, that is, through His mother. He is Son of man. He is universal, connected with the human race. He had to come through some people, but that was, in a sense, incidental, to identify Him, to prove His claim, to fulfill God's Word and promise. The important thing is that when God's time came, He was born of a woman, made under the law, to redeem those under the law, to bring us into the adoption of sons (Gal. 4:4, 5).

To have among His human ancestry those who were not of Jewish blood is probably a hint of God's purpose to include all people in His provision of grace. God is no respecter of persons, and He has made of one blood all nations to dwell on the face of the earth (Acts 17: 26, 27). The nation Israel was to be a means to a larger end and not an end in

The Moabites were, of course, a Gentile nation. The expression Gentile is itself the translation of the Hebrew word meaning nation as distinct from ancient Israel. Because of their incestuous origin (Gen. 19), Moabites were not permitted to enter the congregation of Israel till after the tenth generation.

+ + + THE DIVIDING OF THE NATIONS

How were the people scattered over the face of the earth in Peleg's time (Gen. 10:25) if, according to Genesis II:1, the whole earth was of one language and speech? Two genealogies are given in these chapters.—Mrs. E.M., Mich.

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the earth into nations, and at verse 25 points out it was in Peleg's time. Then chapter 11 relates how it came about. Chapter 10 gives the genealogies of the sons of Noah in their relation to the peoples of the earth; chapter 11 explains how there came to be different peoples, and then repeats the genealogy of Shem to continue the main thread of the narrative concerning God's purposes through Abraham.

THE GLORY OF CHRIST

To what does the apostle Paul refer in II Corinthians 3:7, when he speaks of the glory which was done away? He says that the children of Israel could not look steadfastly on the reflection of that glory on the face of Moses, and that this glory is done away or abolished in Christ.—J.H.D., Oakland, Calif.

It is the glory of the law given on Mount Sinai to which the apostle refers, and the reflection of that law on Moses' face, on which they could not gaze, so that he had to wear a veil.

The law was a good and holy law. It manifested God's holiness and righteousness. In that sense it was a fiery law (Deut. 33:2). Another version of the above New Testament verse renders "dazzling glory." It revealed God's moral character and attributes, and His just and righteous requirements of His people. But it worked death because it brought home to them the knowledge of sin in themselves (Rom. 3:20). They could not obey it, and the penalty of disobedience was death. As sinners they could not even behold the reflection of its glory as God's holiness on the face of Moses, who had been "face to face" with God.

The "glory of the law," that which worked death in us because we could not perfectly obey it, is done away in Christ, who because He was the very brightness of God's glory (Heb. 1:3) is more glorious than that law which is His expression. And because He perjectly kept it, He has delivered from its sentence of death those who could not obey it, but trust in Him who did obey and took our penalty of disobedience upon Himself.

The apostle is making a contrast here between the ministry of the law and the ministry of the Spirit. If that which worked death through our sin was glorious, how much more glorious is that which works life through our faith?

Though the glory of Christ is far greater than the old glory of the law, yet because He perfectly kept it and fully accomplished our salvation, we may see God face to face as it were, in Him without other mediator and without veil. Israel still has the veil (II Cor. 3:15) and cannot see the glory because it does not know Christ.

+ + + SEEING COD

.How can we reconcile the statement of Exodus 33:11, that God spoke with Moses face to face, with verses 20 and 23, which state that God's face cannot be seen and that no one can see God and live? Doesn't this make it difficult to accept a literal inspiration?— T. V., Newark, N.J.

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There is no contradiction between the above verses when properly understood. The expression "face to face" in 33:11 is evidently a figure and must be so interpreted in connection with verses 20 and 23. The Bible abounds with figurative statements, as does all speech. This is in no sense inconsistent with verbal inspiration. The language is inspired, whether purely literal statement of fact, or figure of speech.

First, it is, of course, impossible to see God in His essence. It is significant that no description of God in a visual sense is ever given in the Old Testament. The psalmist speaks of God as "clothed with majesty and light." Daniel describes Him in terms of purity and bright flame (Dan. 7:9, 10). John says "God is light" (I John 1:5), and that "no man hath seen God at any time" (John 1:18). In Revelation 4:3 God is portrayed in terms of the brillance and beauty of precious stones, all of which is the nearest that man's comprehension can attaine

Moses was permitted to see only the reflection of God's essential being and glory. No man can fully see that glory, just as one cannot look directly into the sun. No one can fully comprehend that glory except as it is manifested in terms we can understand, just as electricity is only understandable or usable when transformed into the low voltages man can operate.

So God became man in Christ, who "is the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15). It is He who appeared in Old Testament times as the angel of Jehovah or the angel of the Presence (literally, face), whom men saw and with whom they talked. According to Hebrews 1:3 He is the very image of God's substance. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:6).

So it is the essence of God of which it is said that no man can see God and live. In the case of Moses, the talking face to face was probably in a figure, that is, he saw no form, necessarily, but heard a voice and spoke in reply, so that it could be called speaking face to face.



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knew that coveteousness of heart soon led to actual thievery; that the man who allowed thoughts of lust to possess him soon would commit acts of passion. This too is the reason why David, both out of inspiration and bitter personal experience, pleads that we hide God's Word in our hearts, that we might not sin against Him. Whenever we sin against God, we sin also against ourselves.

The subconscious mind is the part affected in those whom we call neurotic. Simply stated, all that is wrong with them is that a false suggestion has been given to it and now the "robot" is making the thing real. The parent who says to a child, "You will never amount to anything," may be surprised to see this actually ruin the life of the child. If in a moment of dejection the child should say, "I guess I am no good—I'll never amount to anything," the "robot" will see to it that on every possible occasion this statement is translated into fact.

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Everyone who deals with personal problems finds countless sincere Christians who cannot seem to find a sense of assurance that they are accepted by God, because of the feeling of guilt which persists in their minds. It must be understood that this sense of guilt has no connection with their salvation, since we are saved by grace through faith in the person and work of God's Son. This feeling arises out of the subconscious mind, and it is here that it must be removed.

A typical example of this was a very earnest Christian who felt that God had not forgiven her and that she was not saved because the feeling of guilt persisted. Not once but many times she had responded to the invitation to accept Christ, and again and again she had gone through the process of receiving His grace with the fullest desire to be at peace. The difficulty did not lie in this direction, but in the fact that her marriage had not been successful, and her husband had finally left her. Now she realized the fault was in a large measure hers. This sense of failure had become a sense of guilt, which she had interpreted as an evidence of not being saved.

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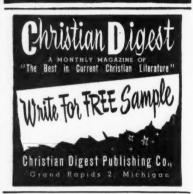
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October 17
Law in the Bible

Deuteronomy 6:20-25; Leviticus 19:9-14, 17,18

Memory Selection: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Matthew 22:37-39.

At the outset let me affirm emphatically that the child of God is not under law (Rom. 6:14). We are not under law for salvation (Rom. 3:20; Gal. 2:21; Acts 13:39). Neither are we under law so far as sanctification in practical living is concerned (Rom. 6:14; Gal. 3:2, 3). But the same scriptures which affirm our freedom from the law speak of our being in law to Christ (I Cor. 9:21), and of the righteousness of the law being fulfilled in us (Rom. 8:4).

It may be affirmed, therefore, that according to New Testament standard, the child of God has no less responsibility, no lower duty, than the child of God in Old Testament days. As a matter of fact, New Testament ethics exceed that of the Old Testament. God has put new life in us; the Holy Spirit of God lives in us; and the cross of Christ has dealt with our fleshly nature. Thus provision has been made for us, so far as holy living is concerned, that far exceeds any provision in an earlier dispensation.

I. The Reason for the Law (Deut. 6:20-25)

The New Testament makes some striking statements concerning the law. It is the ministration of death and condemnation (II Cor. 3:7, 9). It is the silencer of all protests (Rom. 3:19, 20). It is the power of sin (I Cor. 15:56), the meaning of which is undoubtedly unfolded in Romans 7:7, 8. The law is holy, righteous, good, and spiritual (Rom. 7:12, 14; I Tim. 1:8). Even so, the law becomes man's accuser, his condemner. These teachings from the New Testament will make clear the passage in Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 6:20-25 contains three sections.

1. The Request (v. 20)

Here is sound pedagogy. When the son in the home asked the question, "What mean the testimonies?" he was to be given an answer. Instead of discouraging questions from our young people, this scripture indicates that we should encourage them. Our ignorance or indolence is no reason for silencing the questions of our children.

2. The Response (vv. 21-23)

It is important to note that in the answers given emphasis is placed on the

supernatural work of God in giving the law. There is no attempt to water down the explicit statements of God's Word with regard to the miraculous. Further, the credit for Israel's deliverance from Egypt is clearly given to God Himself (v. 23). Such instruction would do much to help the son in the home understand the importance of the laws of God.

3. The Reason (vv. 24, 25)

God gave the law for the good of the people, but they utterly failed to obey it. That which should have been life to man became the medium of death; not because it was weak in itself, but because of the weakness of the flesh. As believers in Christ, we must understand that all of the righteous standards which the law demanded with regard to morality are to be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit (Rom. 8:1-4).

II. Some Social Legislation (Lev. 19: 9-14, 17,18)

It is of great importance that we should not lose sight of man's responsibility to man. Our love to God is proved by our love to our brother (I John 3:14). To put it another way, our lack of love to our brother proves the falsity of any claim we make to love God (I John 4:20). While we disagree emphatically with those who see nothing more in the Word of God than social legislation, we would earnestly and emphatically stress the fact that the child of God does have social responsibilities.

This passage in Leviticus 19 may be divided into four parts. There is first, thoughtful provision for the poor (vv. 9, 10); second, the principle of living justly (vv. 11, 12); third, thoughtful legislation for the poor and unfortunate (vv. 13, 14); and fourth, the principle of living lovingly (vv. 17, 18). Two passages have to do with principle, and two with practice.

Verses 11 and 12 have to do with principle, and are concerning righteous living. Stealing, false dealing, and lying are specified as proscribed for the child of God. No use of the divine name to attest falsehood is permitted. In other words, a man is to live absolutely honestly.

The second passage which deals with principle is verses 17 and 18. Heart relationship to our brother and to our neighbor is important. It is not enough simply to refrain from overt acts of violence; there is to be no hatred in our hearts. The law is expressed in the sentence, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The high standard of this ethic is apparent to us all, if we honestly face the implication of what is said. We must all recognize that in ourselves we are selfish and have indeed broken the law of God. How much we need the Saviour who died for us that we might have the life of God!

The other two passages have to do with practical living. Provision for the poor is

mentioned in verses 9, 10. Are our hearts unmoved when we see poverty? Are our souls apathetic and unresponsive when we see need?

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The second passage, verses 13, 14, has to do with practical living in the sense that it points to specific items of life. The employer is not to take advantage of the employee. We are not to oppress or rob anyone. We can unrighteously take from people in other ways than breaking into their homes—not to do a fair day's work, not to keep our word when we had promised to give a certain reward for certain labor.

Special love and grace should be manifested toward the deaf and the blind. How careful the Word of God is, how particular it is in all of its requirements with regard to righteous living.

October 24

History in the Old Testament

I Kings 4:21-29; 11:6, 9-11

Memory Selection: Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah.—Psalm 33: 12. R.V.

The scriptures selected for this lesson really present Israel's history in epitome. God blessed Israel in many ways, so that the nation increased in power. However, disobedience to God came to characterize the people, and the judgment of God followed. Here is not only the history of Israel; here is the course of any nation that forgets God.

I. A Great Beginning (I Kings 4:21-29)

1. A Great Kingdom (vv. 21-24)

Solomon ruled from the Euphrates River to the land of the Philistines—from Tiphsah to Gaza. Tiphsah lies to the north on the Euphrates; Gaza, of course, is in the southwestern part of the land of Philistia. This does not infer that the people of Israel inhabited all this region, but merely that Solomon was king over all the people in that area. These undoubtedly were halcyon days for Israel. The blessing of God truly rested upon them.

2. Great Possessions (vv. 22, 23, 26-28) Since Solomon was the master of so vast a territory, it naturally follows that he would have great possessions. The listing of one day's foodstuffs (vv. 22, 23) indicates not only the largeness of Solomon's house, but also the large stores to which he had access. Verses 26-28 show something of the great wealth, as well as the military might, which Solomon had at his disposal. God's blessing upon Solomon included not only intelligence and spiritual power, but temporal possessions as well.

3. Great Security (v. 25)

Is it any wonder, therefore, that in verse 25 we have reference to the great security in which Israel found herself during all the days of Solomon? No part of the land of Israel was in jeopardy. All of the inhabitants dwelt in security.

4. A Great King (v. 26)

It seems that from the very beginning Solomon was providentially set as king of Israel. He had the advantage of following so great a king as his father David, and apparently he had the spiritual in-

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Here is another historical proof that God honors those who honor Him. When we consider ourselves small enough so that we cannot meet the needs of life in our own strength and therefore turn to God. God will faithfully meet us as we in faith look to Him. When we are great in our own eyes, or when we turn willfully to paths of disobedience, we may be absolutely certain that God will not grant us His blessing. How slow we are to learn the lesson.

II. A Bad Ending (I Kings 11:6, 9-11)

How sad it is to read that Solomon, who began so well, "did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah." When he was old his heart was turned (v. 4). It is too bad when a person has lived most of his life to the glory of God, that in his latter days he should turn to vanity. How careful we should be as God's children to walk in obedience all the days of our lives

Solomon allowed himself to be swept away from the course of full devotion to Jehovah because of his foreign alliances, particularly in his many marriages. We dare not give way to the lusts of the flesh or to the lusts of the eye or to the pride of life. Even the slightest affection here may lead to something greater. Let us remember that they who are of Jesus Christ have crucified the flesh and the passions thereof.

In view of Solomon's defection, no wonder we read (v. 9) that the Lord was angry with him, because his heart had turned away. God in grace had appeared to Solomon twice, yet in spite of this evidence that God held him in high favor, Solomon counted it all as worthless and turned from the path of obedi-

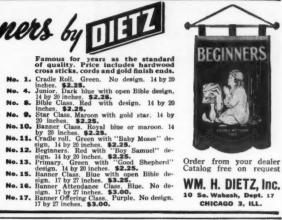
How faithful is our God. He had commanded Solomon concerning this very sin (v. 10). God has warned us also concerning the course of sin in our own lives. Not only through His Word, but also through the testimony of our fellow Christians.' He faithfully reminds us of what sin is and of its penalty.

Despite God's faithfulness, Solomon disobeyed. Disobedience to God must carry judgment with it. Let no child of God think that he can play fast and loose with the Lord. We cannot trifle with the divine command and expect to come off unscathed. God will chastise; He will judge, not only in this life, but at the judgment seat of Christ where every Christian will give account of the deeds done in the body (II Cor. 5:10). Because this judgment is not one concerning salvation, let us not lightly regard it. The Word of God says that though a Christian shall be saved, his works shall be burned and he shall suffer loss (I Cor. 3:15).

In the case of Solomon, God promised that He would divide the kingdom and give it to his servant. We know this was fulfilled when the kingdom was wrested from Solomon's son Rehoboam and ten tribes were given to Jeroboam. Here is an object lesson both for the individual and the nation.

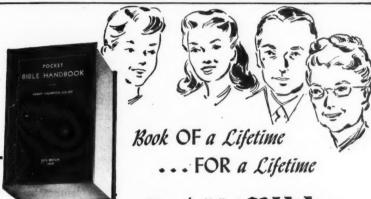
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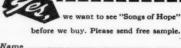


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Wisdom Literature in the Bible

Proverbs 10:1-9: Ecclesiastes 2:1-3

Memory Selection: He that walketh uprightly walketh surely.-Proverbs 10:9.

Under the classification of "wisdom literature" we usually think of the biblical books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and James. Other books in the Bible, of course, have in them maxims of life which may be spoken of as words of practical wisdom. However, the three books mentioned are so largely given to such material that it seems proper to call them the wisdom literature of the Bible.

This wisdom literature is not mere theory finely spun and philosophical; here is wisdom that reaches down right where we live and has a word to say concerning our conduct on earth.

I. The Blessing of Righteousness (Prov. 10:1-3, 6-9)

It is not without meaning that Proverbs 10 begins with a reference to the relationship of the son to his parents. The wise son orders his life according to the will of God; the foolish son disregards God's will. In either case, the son's action affects his parents. It is meaningful that the foolish son is spoken of as "the heaviness of his mother." There can be no question but that in most instances the mother most deeply grieves when a son fails to walk in the way of God.

How apparently true are the statements made with regard to righteousness. There is no profit in the treasures of wickedness, but righteousness brings deliverance (v. 2). It brings the blessing of God in provision (v. 3). It causes our memory to be appreciated (v. 7), and it causes us to walk in assurance (v. 9).

The Word of God and the personal history of many men combine to prove the truthfulness of the assertion that wickedness will not cause us true profit, that the memory of the wicked brings only malediction, and that foolish lips are laid low.

Let no one deceive us with empty words. Unrighteousness causes the wrath of God to come upon the sons of disobedience (cf. Eph. 5:6). The righteous Lord loveth righteousness. In His own time and way He will reward that righteousness. We should remember, of course, that we have no righteousness of our own, but those of us who have received Christ as Saviour have the righteousness which is of God by faith. As the believer in the Lord Jesus lives righteously by the power of the Holy Spirit, he is in the place where God will bless him personally and will use Him gloriously.

II. The Curse of Indolence (Prov. 10:4, 5)

In the midst of the passage we have been considering are these two verses in which God calls attention to the sin of laziness. The proverb that the slack hand causes poverty is so apparently true, we need not say another word. It is the hand of diligence, of faithfulness, of busy-ness in labor which will normally mean material blessing. There are times Read OUR HOPE CHOICE OF BIBLE LOVERS"



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All of us recognize the truth of these statements, but how many of us actually live in the light of them? God puts no premium on indolence. He has no use for the careless, lackadaisical attitude of people who love pleasure; who are content to fritter away their time in vain worldly pursuits; and who know nothing of discipline, of labor, and of giving themselves in work; who will soon dissipate their energies and lose their position as a free nation.

Work is not a curse. We should remember that man was to keep the Garden of Eden even before the fall. There is dignity in toil; and happy is that man and happy are those people who recognize it.

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The child of God is not exempt from God's demands for diligence and industry. We are persuaded that on these matters, as on others, we shall have to give an account at the judgment seat of

III. The Folly of Worldly Pleasure (Eccles. 2:1-3)

It is well to remember that the first two chapters of Ecclesiastes present the experiments of the preacher in his search for happiness. The quest for satisfaction is one in which all men, to a greater or lesser degree, participate. As the book proceeds, the preacher speaks of various observations he has made from time to time. He does not reach his conclusion until the close of the book, in which he gives the exhortation to fear God and keep His commandments as the whole duty of man (Eccles. 12:13).

In chapter 2 the preacher presents his second experiment in his quest for satisfaction. First of all he tried wisdom as the source of true life. Secondly-and our Scripture selection is involved herehe tried pleasure. It is obvious that it did not take him long to discover the emptiness of pleasure to bring real satisfaction. As a matter of fact, his conclusion is spoken of in the very verse in which the experiment is first mentioned. He says, "I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold,

this also is vanity" (v. 1).

Pleasure for pleasure's sake is always doomed to ultimate disappointment. Pleasure may distract; pleasure may absorb all our attention for the moment, but it fails to bring lasting satisfaction.

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November 7

Drama in the Bible

Job 1:1; 2:1-6; 42:1-6, 10a

Memory Selection: He knoweth the way that I take; when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.—Job 23:10.

The book of Job comes as close to being an epic poem as anything in the Bible. The book actually is poetry, and is printed as such in the American Standard Version. The story throbs with life, and is full of pathos that leads to ultimate triumph.

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In the poetical section are recorded the speeches by Job and his three friends. Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar. A fourth speaker, Elihu, comes on the scene in chapter 32. The authoritative voice of the Lord Himself sounds, beginning in chanter 38.

It is evident that God does not seek to answer Job's question as to why the righteous suffer. With the book in our hands we can recognize something of the reason for Job's suffering. However, God's answer is the one that will meet the need of all of us in our time of testing-that while we may not understand all of the providences of God, yet He is God and should be trusted. On the conclusion of the word God had to give, Job makes his confession (42:1-6).

I. The Man Job (Job 1:1)

We are inclined to think that those commentators which assigned the book of Job to a very early day are right. Probably it was the first Bible book to be written. If the Decalogue had been in existence, doubtless some reference would have been made to it. This story very likely antedates the time of Moses.

The first chapter refers to Job as perfect and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. What a wonderful description! The word "perfect" indicates that Job was complete, that is to say, he loved God supremely. He was also upright - honest before God and man. And he feared God. Here was a man of reverence and of worship.

Nor should we forget that he turned away from evil. This negative is an important one. Somehow, men are so constituted that they seem to feel that fearing God does not always mean turning

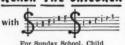
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from evil, but we cannot serve God and mammon. We cannot be the ministers of both light and darkness.

II. The Trial of Job (Job 2:1-6)

In chapter 2 we have the second of the recorded appearances of Satan against Job. Perhaps it may be well to emphasize the fact that Satan is not now in hell. He is indeed going up and down, to and fro, throughout the earth. In addition, he has access to heaven. Zechariah 3 and Revelation 12 may well be considered in this connection. Thank God, the day is coming when the accuser of the brethren will be cast down. Though Satan had been able to try Job in putting his hand upon his possessions, and in robbing Job of his children so far as their physical life was concerned, he had not been able to make Job curse God.

Something of the bitterness and the littleness of Satan is indicated in his reply to God (Job 2:4, 5). Satan was not content, though he had been beaten honestly, in the accusation which he had originally made against Job (Job 1:9-11).

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In the case of Job, we have a man who was tried of Satan to vindicate God and the child of God. God sometimes permits suffering to come for His own honor and glory. The man who was born blind (John 9) and the death of Lazarus (John 11) are also in this category. We do not understand all of the providences of God. Not all suffering is the result of one's own personal committal of sin. There is that mysterious sphere in which certain of God's children are afflicted for His glory. He truly gets glory from their lives as His power is displayed in them.

These considerations make it absolutely wrong for anyone to brand every case of trial as evidence of sin on the part of the one who is tried. For most of us, it probably is true that trial is the chastening hand of God to bring us to repentance; but not always so.

The Confession of Job (Job 42:1-6)

Though Job protested his innocency to his three friends-and rightly so, for had not God spoken of him as perfect and upright, as fearing God and eschewing evil-nevertheless, when he heard God and when he saw God, he abhorred himself and repented in dust and ashes (vv. 5, 6). And so it is with everyone who truly comes face to face with God. Who can look on the white light of eternity and remain calm and self-satisfied? To look at the holiness of God is to recognize our own sinfulness and our own need of cleansing. With Isaiah we cry out, "Woe is me!" (Isa. 6:5). Though Job had affirmed his conviction that he would make a demand of God (v. 4), when God appeared to him, he repented in dust and ashes.

The Deliverance of Job (Job 42:10a)

How wonderful is the statement that the Lord turned the captivity of Job! In His own time and in His own way God met the need of Job. Nor should it be forgotten that it was when Job prayed for his friends that the Lord turned his captivity.

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The blessing of God came upon Job so that he had double his original possessions, even to his children. For he had not lost his ten children (ch. 1); at the conclusion of the book he had ten children in heaven and ten on earth.

November 14

Prophecy in the Bible

Amos 5:21-24; 7:10-15; Micah 4:1-4

Memory Selection: He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?-Micah 6:8, R.V.

The prophets were men whom God raised up to speak for Him. They not only foretold events, but forth-told God's message. As a matter of fact, the greater part of their message was counsel from God to their own day and generation, and they spoke of the future largely to give warnings or incentive.

There are great and moving passages concerning the future in the writings of the prophets. These prophecies give us God's message as to the course of history. We should not neglect these statements as to the future, nor the call of the prophets to righteous living.

I. A Clarion Call for Righteousness (Amos 5:21-24)

God's repudiation of the sacrifices of His people in the days of Amos was not because they were wrong in themselves. The day had not yet come when the Levitical sacrifices should be put away, for God's Son had not vet come and by His one offering made invalid the offerings of bulls and goats. Amos is here excoriating the people to whom he ministered because they brought their sacrifices with unrighteous hands.

What a lesson is here for us all! One of the temptations which has constantly beset God's people is the idea that we can buy God off, so that He will overlook our unrighteousness because we have presented sacrifices or have sung melodies in His name. But God does not want our sacrifices and He does not want our songs when our hearts are far from Him.

That God would rejoice in the sacrifices of His people when they were brought by righteous hearts and righteous hands does not need proving. Therefore, Amos cries out, "Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream" (v. 24). Let us not be deceived; we cannot get God to close His eyes to our willful disobedience by letting Him share in the spoils of the battle. God is looking for purity of heart, for righteousness of spirit.

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This passage would also remind us that God's message is not always desired by those to whom we minister. Thank God for the multitudes who are willing to hear the Word of God, and for those who are willing to obey it. But frequently we shall find that men do not want to hear God's Word because of its message of condemnation. If, like Amaziah, they repudiate the message and reject the messenger, there remains no help. They may abide in security for a while, so far as living on earth is concerned, but there will be no true peace, for there will always be an uneasy conscience. And they cannot know eternal peace, for to go out of this life without faith in the Lord Jesus is to be eternally lost. How shortsighted was Amaziah. And how shortsighted are the Amaziahs who live

III. A Devotion to the Call of Duty and of God (Amos 7:14, 15)

There was no question in the mind and heart of Amos as to the divine call, but to oppose a man like Amaziah was not easy. Perhaps he was tempted to flee. But, conscious of his divine mission, he stood up to Amaziah in a firm and uncompromising manner.

Amos stressed his own lowly origin. He spoke of himself as no prophet or prophet's son. God on occasion acts to confound the high and the mighty. Thank God for those men in lowly positions of life upon whom He has put His hand and used for Himself. Here is encouragement for all of us. It is not necessarily the man of great talents that God uses, but always the man yielded to Him. The Lord is able to increase accomplishments, and able to give talents, if we will let Him use us to the full.

IV. A Day Yet to Come (Micah 4:1-4)

Here is a marvelous description of that day when the Lord Jesus Christ shall reign. Jehovah's house will then be established on the top of the mountains and exalted above the hills. Mountains and hills speak of government. In this instance, God's house is exalted above all human government.

What a wonderful day that will be, when the things of God and the will of God will be supreme in all the earth. God's house will indeed be the mountain of Jehovah; that is to say, God's government will supersede all other governments. God's house will be the object of the reverence and the desire of all people.

The law will go forth from Zion, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem, because the Son of God Himself will have ascended the throne of His father David and He will rule over all the earth. Many peoples and strong nations will be judged by Him. The implements of warfare, such as swords and spears, will be changed into instruments of agriculture, as plowshares and pruning hooks. War will cease



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As daylight approached, we could see that the Somalis had attempted to break the lugs off the rails and take up the tracks. Not having sufficient time for this, they rolled three huge boulders onto the track. The engine and several cars had been completely derailed. Fortunately the engine did not turn over on its side. As the sun was rising an emergency engine came to our deliverance with one freight car. Some thirty armed Ethiopian soldiers jumped out of it and went in pursuit of the looters, who had fled across the desert two hours before. As far as we know they had no success

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We were herded into a freight car and taken some twenty miles to the next station, Aicha, about thirty miles from the French Somaliland border. Here we were pulled in to the station and allowed to remain in the freight car from 7:30 to noon, waiting for another train to take us on to Djibouti.

And now, here is an interesting point: During our council meeting it was voted that I should make an investigation of possible Somali stations along the rail-road just this side of the French Somaliland border in Ethiopia! As I sat in the freight car all morning, dead tired, groups of Somalis who work in Aicha came and asked for Somali booklets entitled The Way of Salvation and How to Go to Heaven. They listened attentively, went their way, and sent another group of two or three. This kept up practically all morning, and the disaster of the midnight hour began to take on another aspect altogether. Groups of boys begged for Somali portions and sat down in a semicircle in front of me as I read and explained the way to heaven! It was marvelous!

One young man, who showed scars from a severe burn of years ago, showed a little interest coupled with antagonism, but before he left he appeared convinced that Christ is the way. Later another Somali, best described as a loud-mouthed type, began to rave against the deity of Christ, although I had said nothing about the Sonship of Christ.

As he raved at me and looked to the others for support, the other Somali stepped out of the railroad office. He too was expected to lend his support to the argument that Jesus is not the Son of God. But he did not; instead he began to take issue with the loud-mouthed Somali, to the latter's surprise. Then, apparently convinced, he said, "Bring portions in Arabic and we will circulate them all over this place when you come back."

At noon he came to me again and handed me his straw mat and pillow and blanket and said, "Here, use my mat and pillow to rest on during noon." Truly the Lord has begun a good work in this young man's heart.

As another train pulled in to take us the rest of the way to Djibouti, many Somalis could be seen with little red booklets sticking out of their shirt pockets. The Word of God had come to them through the mishap of the night before. Or should I call it a "mishap"? If losing one's entire baggage means the salvation of precious souls, we say "Amen!"



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THE POWER OF "LITTLES"

Least of all seeds (Matt. 13:32). A little leaven (I Cor. 5:6). A little cloud (I Kings 18:44). A little maid (II Kings 5:2). A little member (James 3:5). Little foxes (S. of Sol. 2:15). A few little fishes (Matt. 15:34).

-Mrs. S. M.

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YOUR BROTHER

A ship was wrecked on the northwest coast of Ireland; and a mother tried in vain to persuade her son, who had volunteered to go to the rescue of the last man on board the burning ship, to give up the perilous task. She pleaded that his father and brother had never come back from the sea, and that she would be left alone if he were lost. He resisted her entreaties and put out to the sinking vessel. When the boat came back through the surf the crowds on the shore shouted, "Have you got your man?" The reply came, "Yes, and tell Mother it's brother william!" Are we sure that the imperiled souls around us are not our brothers?

-Earnest Worker

THE ESSENCE OF FAITH

Faith is the certainty
Of things that are not seen,
The firm foundation of our hope,
The staff on which we lean.

Faith comes to those who hear And heed God's saving Word; It is the gift of wondrous grace, By God Himself conferred.

Faith does not rest on works,
On some kind deed or thought,
But reaches out a beggar's hand
To take what Christ has wrought.

Faith trusts in Christ alone, In His atoning blood, The blood that bore our sins away As by a mighty flood.

Faith is the victory,
With banners wide unfurled,
That makes us more than conquerors
And overcomes the world.

—W. M. Czamanske, in S. S. Times

4 4 4 THE STOOPING CHRIST

He sat and taught in the temple one day, And the Pharisees gathered near, Bringing with them a sinful one, Hoping His judgment to hear.

She stood with bowed head, without a plea,

A sinner, with downcast face; The law condemned her, but He stooped And wrote a pardon of grace!

He lived in heaven, an equal with God, But willingly left His throne To live on earth in sinful flesh, To suffer and die alone.

Yes, He stooped to come to earth and die; From riches He turned away, And all who accept His sacrifice May share His home someday! —Frieda S. Dause, in Herald of Holiness

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HOW TO ENJOY GOD'S PRESENCE

The way to enjoy the divine presence, and to be fitted for distinguishing service for God, is to live a life of great devotion and constant self-dedication to Him; observing the motions and dispositions of our own hearts, whence we may learn our constant need of help from God for the performance of the least duty.

-David Brainerd

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- The Right Message—Philip "preached Christ" (v. 5).
- 2. The Right Congregation—"the people . . . gave heed" (v. 6).
- 3. The Right Power—"unclean spirits
 . . . came out of many" (v. 7).
- The Right Results—"there was great joy" (v. 8).

-Frederick P. Billings

+ + + THE KEY TO THE PROBLEM

Four men were standing in a telegraph office while a message was being received. Three of them heard merely a succession of taps. The other surprised his companions by repeating the message aloud. He knew the code, and to him every tap or group of taps meant a letter.

We cannot puzzle out the problem of life by ourselves; without God all is dark, mysterious, incomprehensible. But our Father holds the key, and He will give all needful light to those who trust in Him.

—S. S. Times

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PEN-ANCE AND REPENTANCE

A clergyman found some children reading the Douay version of the New Testament, and on noticing a passage in the chapter which was translated "do penance," where the English version rendered the same word by "repent," he asked them if they knew the difference between penance and repentance. A short silence followed, and then a little girl asked, "Is it not this . . . : Judas did penance, and went and hanged himself; Peter repented, and wept bitterly?"

-The Teacher

"BE YE THANKFUL" Colossians 3:15

Introduction: Heathen are unthankful (Rom. 1:21). Thankfulness one mark of a Christian.

- 1. Unto the Giver of every good gift (James 1:17; Col. 1:12).
- 2. For His Unspeakable Gift (II Cor.
- 3. For deliverance from the bondage of sin (Rom. 6:17, R.V.).
- 4. For victory over death (I Cor. 15:57).
 5. For hearing and answering prayer
- (John 11:41).
 6. For all faithful Christians (Rom.
- 1:8; II Thess. 1:3).
 7. For all temporal blessings (Mark
- 8:6; Rom. 14:6).

 8. For all things (Eph. 5:20; I Tim. 4:3, 4).

-Norman H. Camp

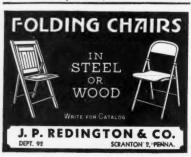




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MEDITATE UPON GOD Psalm 104:34

- 1. His Greatness (Eph. 1:19).
- 2. His Goodness (Rom. 11:22)
- 3. His Gentleness (II Sam. 22:36),
- 4. His Guidance (Ps. 32:8).
- His Grace (II Cor. 9:8).
- 6. His Gifts (James 1:17)

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7. His Glory (II. Cor. 3:7-11).

-N. H. Camp

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SECURITY I do not want my life to be Self-led, for mine are only human eyes, And cannot pierce the gloom nor see The path ahead, and so I cannot know The things my Father has in store for me. Except I place my hand in His, and go His way, my life is like a ship adrift at sea Without a captain at the helm To bring it safe to port. For only He Can chart the wise, the safe, the only

I want my life to take. And so for me The path ahead, though dark, holds naught

Of terror or of fear, for I do know that He So gently and so wisely leads the way. No greater joy or comfort can there be Than knowing in my inmost heart My all-wise heavenly Father leadeth me.

> -Nelle Cadle in The Gospel Message

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"BE STILL AND KNOW"

God whispers in the ripened wheat: He whispers in the trees; He whispers in the still, small voice To the saint upon his knees.

-D. H. D.

+ + + THE HANDS OF GOD

- 1. Strengthening hands (Gen. 49:24).
- Healing hands (Luke 4:40).
- 3. Upholding hands (Ps. 37:24).
- Guiding hands (Ps. 78:72).
- Covering hands (Isa. 51:16).

-F. A. Roberts + + +

DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN

A mind through which Christ thinks. A voice through which Christ speaks. A heart through which Christ loves. A hand through which Christ helps.

-John Watson

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THE ALL-SUFFICIENT SAVIOUR

- I. A Compassionate Saviour (Matt. 11:28a)
- II. A Helping Saviour (Matt. 11:28b).
- III. A Refreshing Saviour (Matt. 11:28c).

-Alec J. Edgar + + +

THE CONTROL OF THE TONGUE James 3

- I. The Need for Control (vv. 1-6).
- II. The Inability to Control (vv. 7-16).
- III. The Way to Control (vv. 17, 18).

-Ann Groth

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DIVINE GRACE

- I. Saved by Grace (Eph. 2:8).
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-William Ward Ayer

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-Florence Mott, in Alliance Weekly

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When I was in England, during one of the conferences, a woman told me she was once awakened by a very strange noise of pecking, or something of the kind. When she got up, she saw a butterfly flying back and forth inside the window pane in a great fright, and outside a sparrow pecking and trying to get The butterfly did not see the glass, and expected every minute to be caught, and the sparrow did not see the glass, and expected every minute to get the butterfly. Yet all the while that butterfly was as safe as if it had been millions of miles away, because of the glass between it and the sparrow. So it is with Christians. Satan cannot touch the soul that has the Lord Jesus Christ between itself

-Josiah Strong, in Earnest Worker

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er's heart, but every one of these is a classic. Those who have heard Dr. Lee and those who have heard about him but have never yet been blessed with the privilege of hearing him, will want to read this book. 188 pages. 5½ x 8 inches. Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Ill. (1947). \$2.00. W.F.

A Guide to Confident Living, by Norman Vincent Peale.

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Here is a book that ought to be read by ministers and Christian workers everywhere, whether they agree with the particular theological slant of the author entirely or not. This man does something to people, and he gives an inside story of his counseling techniques by the illustrative material throughout the book. Frankly, the man does not talk my language, but all along the way he speaks to my heart and I know that he has helped people, and that is our job! I am going to read this book again. It is most practical and stimulating.

248 pages. 5½ x 8½ inches. Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York (1948). \$2.75. W.F.

The Bible Speaks to You, by Francis Carr Stifler.

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William Edward Biederwolf, a Biography, by Ray E. Garrett.

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This little volume represents the attempt of a Canadian Presbyterian minister to interpret the Olivet Discourse along amillennial lines. The author holds that the key to Matthew 24 is found in verse 34: "This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled." His conclusion therefore is that verses 1-33 refer to events that happened during the then living generation and found fulfillment in the destruction of Jerusalem (A.D. 70).

The author's struggle to force the Scripture into the impossible mold of this theory occupies the greater portion of the book, and is unconvincing to say the least. For example, with regard to verse 30 ("And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory"), he writes: "This clause has been thought to relate definitely to the second, visible, and personal coming of the Lord. visible, and personal coming of the Lord. But in the light of well-defined biblical language, the reference is rather to a coming in the events of His providence in judgment against His enemies and in de-



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97 pages. 5½ x 8 inches. Bible Truth Depot, Swengel, Pa. (1948). \$1.50. G.C.L.

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This volume, according to its editor, contains "a cross-section of the more important historic living religions which have come down from a long past, together with those younger in age which are thriving healthfully in our day, and an appraisal of these religions in terms of our times."

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Because of its nature, the book can hardly be recommended for general consumption; however, it will be of interest to the student of comparative religions. Clear, brief statements as to the beliefs of various religions are difficult to obtain and of obvious value. At the same time, as should be expected, each writer acts as a special pleader for his religion, so that considerable discernment is needed on the part of the reader.

We thoroughly disagree with the position of the editor as set forth in a lengthy preface. His entire philosophy is based on the false premise that all religion is no more than man's search for God, that each individual religion contains some essential truth, while none constitutes a final and complete revelation from God. The Bible claims to be and proves to be just such a final and complete revelation.

It is to be regretted that although three different articles picture contemporary phases of Jewish religion, orthodox Judaism is not represented. It is even more to be regretted, but perhaps should have been expected, that the article on conservative Protestantism is inadequate. The nature of this article can be seen from the editor's statement that its author "would repudiate association with those whose imprisoned conservatism is designated Fundamental-ism."

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It is significant that the author in several instances indicates that former misconceptions in this field were due to the determination of students to apply the theory of evolution to Egyptian religion (Frankfort calls this "evolutionary bias," p. 58, etc.), whereas it shows no evidence of appreciable change even during many centuries of time. Christians will be interested but saddened to learn that this religion (which we know arose in the "second fall" after the deluge) recognized an unlimited number of gods, possessed no holy book, did not postulate one basic truth, had a totally inadequate conception of sin, and was based purely on human merit. At death its adherents "state emphatically that they have done nothing wrong whatsoever. They further take with them a spell to prevent their own hearts from rising up and bearing witness against them" (p. 118).

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172 pages. 5½ x 8½ inches. Columbia University Press, New York (1948). \$3.00.

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Spirit Guided Morality, by Lawrence

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32 pages. 5 x 73/4 inches. Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary Publications, Los Angeles (1948). 38 cents.

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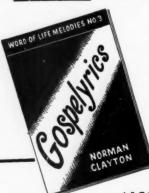
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Ruth walked disconsolately back toward her residence club. If only she could understand what it was all about! At home in Hawaii, her parents had been earnest members of the Salvation Army. They had tried to explain in their native Japanese just what salvation meant, but it had seemed hazy and vague. Later, when she had really needed spiritual help, she had been in America far from family ties. Oh, she might as well forget the whole thing.

But that evening a Moody Bible Institute employee living in the same club wandered into her room. Ruth confessed her problem. "I'd really like to be a Christian," she tried to explain. "But I've never been able to understand it."

In a moment her friend had opened the Bible and was carefully pointing out the verses that told of God's salvation through His Son. For the first time it began to make sense to Ruth and, with joy in her heart, she knelt before God.

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But he was wrong. He had never understood the true meaning of the conquest of which he spoke. The Galilean had not conquered as far as the Apostate was concerned. Out of reach of the One concerning whom he uttered his raged word, Julian awaited the dread "blackness of darkness forever" (Jude 13), the portion of all who have not the life of the Son of God (I John 5:12).

Only one conquest counts and carries meaning for the measure of the precious soul—the conquest of Calvary. Unless a man or woman has been conquered by the matchless love, the infinite grace, and the overflowing mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ, there is no true victory. His life is yet held in thralldom by the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4), and he is in the state of death (Eph. 2:1, 5).

The Son of God conquers by love. Love brought Him from heaven to earth. Love led Him to bear all at the hands of sinful men. Love prompted Him to offer Himself as the blessed Sinbearer and to die "even the death of the cross."

Meditate on the condescension of that love: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9).

Consider the breadth of that love: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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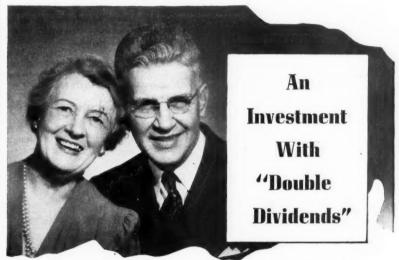
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CLASS OF APRIL '41

Recently a letter of the class of April '41, came to the Alumni office. It was a real inspiration to read the letters of those who responded to the invitation to write concerning their present activities.

More classes of the Institute should follow this procedure. So many lose contact with one another after graduation. The publication of class letters is one means of communication which should be encouraged among the enlarging fellowship of former students throughout the world.

It is interesting to note the spread of members of the class. Eunice Ott writes from Africa of the teaching of young people in a "hush school"; Bob Shermer, now a student at seminary in Chicago, had to return from the Congo because of health. From Mexico, Velva Phillips writes of wonderful opportunities with the Child Evangelism Fellowship; Bill

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Dietrich, of Pedricktown, N.J., after a tour of duty in the Army, is now in seminary in Philadelphia. He married Roberta Hewitt '46, in April, 1946. Joan Olthoff sends word from Kewait, Persian Gulf, of the difficulty of language study. She is with the American Mission.

This is only a sample of the work being done by individuals of this class. Congratulations on a fine class letter.

ALUMNI WEDDING BELLS

Martin Jensen and Mary Etta Carter '48, Aug. 8, at Sycamore, Ill.

Glen M. Enos '47, and Marion Jean Stewart '47, June 26, at South Bend, Ind. Howard P. McMillen '48, and Corene Kongable '48, July 3, at Chicago, Ill.

Joel E. Burnell '48, and Constance M. Montgomery '48, Aug. 8, at Columbus,

Walter Arrowsmith '48, and Betty Ewald '47, Aug. 7, at Pontiac, Mich.

More than two hundred new students, from fifteen different denominations and ten foreign countries, enrolled in the Institute this fall. Twenty percent have had extensive college training.



Robert W. Clingan and Marjorie R. Scofield '48, Aug. 6, at Hazel Park, Mich. Paul McMillan '47, and Helen Kupka '46, April 10, at Ithaca, N.Y.

Paul F. Pribble and Ruby J. Liechti '47, July 10, at Detroit, Mich.

John E. Beach '48, and Vernus E. Erb '47, April 24, at Caro, Mich.

Lee Pendergraph and Mary Jane Hamilton '44, April 22, at Springfield, Mo.

Randall G. Schweitzer '47, and Myrtle M. Smith '48, June 5, at Chicago, Ill.

Dale Hendrickson '47, and Sophia (Sue) Jensen '46, June 12, at Racine, Wis. James M. Palmer '48, and Janet R. Schmalgemeier '48, Aug. 7, at Chicago, Ill. William C. Atherton '48, and Ruth F. Byham '48, Aug. 7, at Summit, Ill.

Richard Durham '48, and Rose Marie Weiss' 48, May 30, in Ohio.

Joel Sorenson and Ruth Bishop '41, Aug. 21, at Chicago. They will make their home in Stockholm, Sweden.

CANDIDATES FOR ALUMNI

To C. Gordon Clews '34, and Mrs. Clews, a daughter, Marcia Lynne, June 22. at Logansport. Ind.

To Harold Tuttle '44, and Mrs. Tuttle (Arlene Wilson '44), a son, Joel Nathan, July 11, at Denver, Colo.

To A. Clair Hess '46, and Mrs. Hess (Dorothy Dieking '45), a daughter, Rebecca Ann, July 19, at Chicago, Ill.

To Harry Sterling '38, and Mrs. Sterling (Eleanor Jackson '38), a daughter, Carol Jean, July 14, at Gladwin, Mich.

To Austin V. Meekins '46, and Mrs. Meekins '45, a son, David Valiant, July 24, at Chicago, Ill.

To Lynnet Frantz '44, and Mrs. Frantz (Mildred Yantis '44), a son, Lynnet Kenneth, Jr., Feb. 2, at Kansas City, Mo.

To Sherman Leroy Ray '45, and Mrs. Ray, a son, Daniel William, June 22, at Dunlap, Iowa.

To Charles Masson '45, and Mrs. Masson, a daughter, Janene Marie, July 21, at Sterling, Kan.

To Harry Elyea '44, and Mrs. Elyea '40, a son, Douglas Stirrett, June 19, at Jos, Nigeria.

To Morris V. Brodsky '42, and Mrs. Brodsky (Dorothy Seversen '40), a daughter, Lois Marie, May 14, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

To Cromwell A. Rogers '37, and Mrs. Rogers, a son, Robert Cromwell, July 19, at Evergreen Park, Ill.

MOODY ALUMNI "OVER YONDER"

Mrs. Ernest Olsen (Effie Johnson '30) passed away in June. She and Ernest Olsen '29, have been missionaries in Peru for several years.

Mrs. John Guthrie (Mattie L. Wilcox '97) went to her reward June 30.

Edward A. Marshall '98, went to be with the Lord July 19. Head of missionary activities at the Institute from 1903 to 1916, for many years he has had a wide ministry as a Bible teacher.

ALUMNI AROUND THE GLOBE

Nanking, June 17, six former students of Moody Bible Institute met for lunch

and a time of fellowship. During the noon hour they remembered M.B.I. in prayer. Those present were:

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Russell Glazier '26, and Mrs. Glazier, who are working in connection with the University Hospital. Mr. Glazier is the hospital chaplain, and has many opportunities among the patients.

Mrs. Alma Smail (Alma Artibey '32), who is just finishing a very strenuous five months' work in connection with relief funds and their administration. In the near future she hopes to travel to the far northwest to work in Suchow.

David Chen '44, and Mrs. Chen, who are on the staff of the Tai Tung Theological Seminary. The name might be translated the Far Eastern Seminary.

Harry Liu '43, who is working with the Pocket Testament League among servicemen.

Wesley Wang '45, and Mrs. Wang, who are working with the Oriental Missionary Society.

Grace S. Jephson '26, who is connected with the Spiritual Training Seminary and who also has many outside classes. One of these is in a school preparing workers for the border regions of China—a real mission field.

SOUTH AMERICA

Ida Bowers '46, has arrived in Brazil and is at Cuiaka, where she will learn Portuguese. Under the South America Indian Mission, she is looking forward to work among the Indians.

IN AFRICA

Bessie Hancock '44, Congo Belge: "We are responsible for a large leper colony. Last Sunday the last part of a group of seventy-four received baptism."

Gerald Swank '40, and Mrs. Swank (Dorothy Newman '41), Nigeria: "The new class of more than thirty were green in many ways, some having never had any formal education. But what they lacked in knowledge, they made up in zeal and earnestness. Just before Dogo was to leave for Bible school his whole compound burned to the ground. Later he remarked that the Lord was just making sure he would not want to return, and instead of being discouraged he dug in all the harder in his work."

John Rieder '46, and Mrs. Rieder '44, sailed for French West Africa April 23, and arrived there May 31. Their address is now Mission Evangelique Zuenoula, par Bouake, Ivory Coast, French West Africa.

Michael Glerum '42, and Mrs. Glerum (Alice Unkefer '42) have returned to Nigeria after their first furlough. They are working under the Sudan Interior Mission.

MOODY ALUMNI U.S.A.

Donald T. Gately '30, is now director of Stewardship Department at Kansas City Bible College.

Glen L. Jensen '45, has resigned the pastorate of the Evangelical Free Church, Winter, Wis., and will take up a new pastorate at Malmo, Minn.

Martin O. Wedge '40, graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary in January. Since then he and Mrs. Wedge (Harriet

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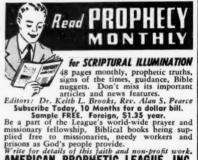
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Olson '37) have been in Longview, Texas, where Mr. Wedge is director of music and associate chaplain at Le Tourneau Technical School

Charles Gordon Davies '40, is serving the Lord as pastor of Nyland Community Church, Oxnard, Calif. He also has a fifteen minute radio program in Ventura, ten miles from Oxnard.

Pearl M. Troxell '46, is doing mission work in the Kentucky mountains. She reports that she has many duties: teaching Bible in the public schools, home visitation, and some stenographic work.

J. Roy Stephenson '21, pastor of Summit Congregational Church, Summit, Ill., reports God's continued faithfulness and abounding grace as he labors for Him.

Harold R. Young '38, who was field representative for the Institute for two years, and assistant pastor of Grandview Park Baptist Church the past year, is now pastor of the Saylorville Baptist Church of Des Moines, Iowa.

Frederick A. Jacobson '22, has just completed his first year as pastor of the Bethany Covenant Church, Du Bois, Pa.

J. J. Esau '24, and Mrs. Esau (Elvina Augsburger '26), formerly of Bluffton, Ohio, have moved to 1515 S. 10th Street, Omaha, Neb.

Jay N. Waterman '33 has recently accepted the call of two Methodist churches, one in Lewis, Iowa, and the other five miles in the country.

Charles H. Landers '43, formerly on the Institute's extension staff, has accepted the pastorate of the Ozark Baptist Church, Ozark, Ala. The Lord is blessing the work and plans have been made to begin a new building which will accommodate a Sunday school of 650

Ray E. Garrett '33, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Flint, Mich., was recently surprised by the gift of a new automobile from his church. The church also honored him for the doctor of theology degree conferred upon him. Mr. Garrett is the author of a new book entitled William Edward Biederwolf.

Richard Nyburg '19 and '20, is happily situated in the First Baptist Church of Temperance, Mich.

Irene Van Haften '45, is working in the office of the Back to the Bible broadcast in Lincoln. Neb.

Emil Richard Markel '42, having served as pastor in Barberton, Ohio, for six years, in July entered the evangelistic

Stephen W. Harshaw '33, is in the Wyoming State Hospital, Evanston, Wyo. He would appreciate having former students and friends write him. His address is Box 177, Evanston, Wyo.

Loyd A. Wickstrom '45, on June 27 was ordained to the gospel ministry in the First Baptist Church of Valparaiso, Ind.

Homer F. Britton '37, music director for the Hyman Appelman Evangelistic party, recently returned to the United States from Australia, where the party conducted meetings during six months of the Christ for Australia evangelistic movement. See report on Evangelism page.

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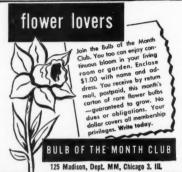
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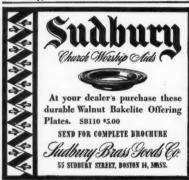
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Nada—the Promised One

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"W-wh-y do you stare at me-likelike-the serpent that fixes its prey?" he murmured uneasily, while his wives looked on curiously.

"O Tagati," intoned the pastor solemnly, "a curse will descend on you because you are putting a stone in the path of the chosen ones of the Great-Great!" Tagati's lashless eyes blinked stupidly. "W-h-at do you mean?" he croaked.

"These are the words of the Mighty One," cried the minister, and he quoted the verse in all its solemnity and dignity. Tagati wilted visibly. "I—I—do not place any stumbling stone in the pathway of anyone," he whined.

Nodola's face was stern. "Do you not?" he said. "Is not the child you want to shackle to you a worker in God's vineyard? Is not her chosen man God's man? Will not His work be affected by your action? It is indeed a solemn thing to shake your first at the sky!"

"What are you-"

"We Christians do not believe in curses." the pastor continued: "ours is a gospel of love. But God's Word is as changeless as yonder mountain. Vengeance belongs to Him. It will be an evil day for you and for yours if you thwart His will!"

"What-what do you want me, then, to do?" wailed the man, properly subdued.

Nodola was triumphant. "Do? Why, take the irons off yonder girl!" It looked as if the battle were almost won. But as the old monster mused, a vision of Nada in all her beauty came into his evil mind. and he hesitated, his craven look vanished, and he lifted an insolent head.

"Begone, traitor to your people, casteroff of the traditions of our fathers," his cracked voice cried. "I have paid my cattle. The girl is mine. I fear no curse!"

A feeling almost of despair fell on the Afri an preacher's spirit. Again he sent a prayer heavenward, but no answer came forth. He was defeated defeated when on the verge of victory. Tagati's toothless mouth stretched grotesquely across his battered features. His croaking laugh had in it all the evil of sin. "He, he," he gasped, "your fire dies out. You become as the ashes on the hearth. Begon! Begone!"

Slowly the pastor turned and, with a final warning, walked sorrowfully away. He had done his best; he had failed. There was no other remedy-only God, in His infinite mercy, could help now.

IT WAS MORNING. The Bantu minister's breakfast-thick mealie-meal porridge-was on the table, neglected. He and his wife were trying to comfort Nada, who had come to see what had been the result of her pastor's visit. Her face was stained with tears; her eyes lacked their fire; her back was crisscrossed with ugly red weals.

Suddenly the pastor arose. He thought he had recognized the croaking voice of the man uppermost in his thoughts—old Tagati. He was right; as he stood at the door, his set face showed he had caught

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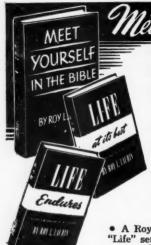
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"Quick, Nada," he commanded, "into the bedroom at once!" The girl wonderingly obeyed. Just in time, for in a moment the unimpressive form of Tagati appeared at the doorway. Gone was his cunning and arrogance. In his eyes was a wild look of fear, in his face an expression of terror. He began pouring out a flood of stuttering Zulu, clawing nervously at the muscular arm of the pastor as he did so.

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"Calm yourself. O Tagati." said the minister sternly, "and come into my kya. Come!" The old man swallowed vigorously, and followed his mentor. The pastor led him into the room and pushed forward a rough kitchen chair. His wife had joined Nada in the bedroom, and there the two listened with bated breath to a remarkable story-a story that revealed, with terribly clarity, the fact that God still takes a hand in the affairs of His children who call on Him in their dire need

For a long time the old man was incoherent, but calmed by the forceful personality of the minister he recovered enough to tell of an amazing dream that had come to him in the night. Superstitious belief in night visions is deeply entrenched in the Bantu mind. Some of them are plainly mere fantasies, and the fanatical belief in them merely reveals the gullibility of the African mind.

But did not God use the dream method often in His dealings with His people to acquaint them with His will and purpose? Was it not a dream, or a vision, that powerfully influenced Isaiah, and made his ministry effective? Did not Solomon, on assuming the kingship of his people, receive the blessing and guidance of God in a dream? Some dreams are plainly God-inspired. This one was.

Tagati told-with much fluttering-of a scene in which he saw, with horrific reality, his huts in flames, his cattle stark carcasses and his mealie fields flattened by a fearful hailstorm. In the fiery red sky a hand traced the words, "Touch not Mine anointed!" It was enough for this fear-ridden, guilt-stricken wretch. He knew it was a real picture of the future. a future cursed and blighted by his flouting of God's holy laws.

When he had finished his recital, he rose to his feet and spoke, his voice shrill with fear. "Tell that wench's man that if he sends me eleven beasts I will turn my heifer loose from her paddock!" Crude language, but the purport of it caused Nodola to straighten up, and Nada, hidden in the bedroom, to thrill with joy.

Nodola was too much of a gentleman to take advantage of the old man's terror. but he felt it too good an opportunity to lose. "Did I not say to you that our God is a spirit of power?" he said, his voice ringing out convincingly. "Fortunate for you that you have decided to release this maiden, for as surely as yonder sun is in the heavens, so surely would your vision have come true if you had kept the girl a prisoner! Go! And repent of your heathen ways and turn to God before it is

Nada became coy and embarrassed as any girl of whiter skin when the pastor. anxious lest something else should transpire to cause Tagati to reverse his decision, urged an early marriage. "I'll send a picannin to Tulega to break the good news to Hlatshwayo," and he quickly dispatched a boy on his favorite horse to bear the glad news.

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By nightfall the young preacher, his earnest face beaming with ecstasy, arrived at the station, and the question of the lobola was gone into.

Could he scare up enough cattle? That was the crucial question. Hlatshwayo thought hard. He had a certain sum saved up, and, at his home kraal he could lay hands on seven fine cows. He thought he knew a way to meet the necessities of the case, and he was dispatched posthaste to carry on negotiations without delay.

Nodola, on his part, hastened off to tell Barimba that he need not continue to berate his daughter—his debt was being paid by a man who would make him a son-in-law of whom he could be proud.

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Needless to say, I returned home elated with my find. It was a lovely piece of wool in cocoa brown-a shade to blend with nearly any ensemble. I eagerly awaited the day I could reach for the pinking shears and start in. Meantime. the washing had to be finished, then there would be dinner, ironing, mending -you know the routine.

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denominational connections and doctrinal convictions may influence his choice. But whatever book is used, the pastor and musical director are often unfamiliar with all of its contents. As a result, the outside of the book is worn out long before the inside. Many new gems are left untouched and another book is sought that contains the same old numbers that have been sung monotonously week after week. Why not teach the people a new song every other Sunday night, or at least once a month? One cannot always depend on his first impression of a song, especially if he has just looked it over or sung it by himself. If it merits a tryout, it needs to be confidently presented at a meeting and given a fair hearing. Often such a trial will make a favorite of what was once thought to be only an ordinary composition.

It is wise to be cautious about overusing a song. People need to sing it often enough at first to learn it, but thereafter it should not be used every time they come together. Certain songs have been sung so continuously in some places that, although they are fine numbers, when they are announced they are greeted with frowns. The lighter the type of a song the more quickly people will tire of it; therefore the judicious leader will vary the tempo of his choices.

A wave of popularity has swept our country with the singing of short gospel choruses. This began a generation ago with Charles M. Alexander, called "the prince of gospel singers." Now every large publisher has at least one book devoted entirely to choruses. Sometimes chorus singing is overdone. A lot of flimsy choruses have been written and published, but hasn't that been true for years of many complete songs? Most of the choruses will never see a second edition, but a large number are well written and carry a concise, timely message. They have their place, though we must avoid the danger of catering to the rhythm and melody, and letting the music overshadow the words, which should carry a definite spiritual thought.

Musical tastes, individual experience, and ecclesiastical environment will largely determine one's choice of hymns, songs, or choruses; but what group of spiritually minded people will not thrill to the melody and rich harmony of a series of choruses that tell of the Saviour's love?

Fewer church members would sleep during the sermon if they were kept awake during the singing. More hymns are dragged to death than are raced to death. Every song calls for a certain tempo. The crying need in many churches today is for more spirit and volume in their singing. Greater enthusiasm and spiritual growth would result if we would make more of music in our churches.

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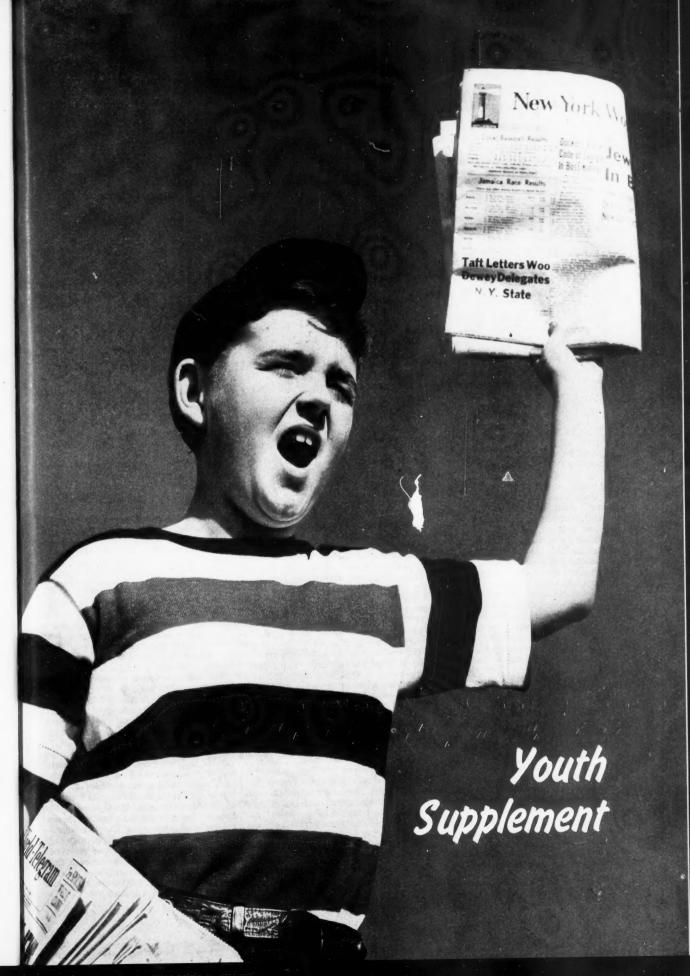
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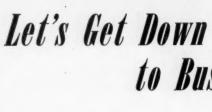
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BY EUGENE MYERS HARRISON

THE AGE of twelve a Jewish boy was obliged to learn a trade, was considered old enough to be engaged to be married, and was permitted to enroll as a soldier to fight for his people, if occasion required. At that age, according to Jewish writers, Moses left the court of Pharaoh and cast his lot with his own people; Samuel heard the call of God; and Josiah began the reformation which resulted in a spiritual revival throughout the nation.

It was at that significant age that Jesus made His first journey to Jerusalem. What fascinating sights the eager-eyed lad must have seen in the Holy City: the bazaars filled with all sorts of merchandise, the city crowded with people from distant parts of the earth, Roman soldiers with glittering swords and flying banners, and beautiful buildings such as Herod's magnificent palace. But from all these Jesus turned away and went into the temple.

When the Passover feast was over, the party of pilgrims from Nazareth started back home. At the end of a day's journey they discovered that Jesus was missing. Anxiously Mary and Joseph returned, searched in the homes of relatives and friends, looked in the bazaars and along the streets, and finally found Him in the temple.

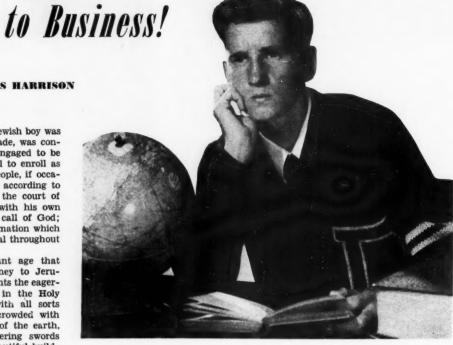
When Mary expostulated with Him, He gave in effect this startling answer: "Are you surprised to find Me here? Did you imagine that I would be found in the marts of trade or in the haunts of pleasure? Did you not realize that I would be, must be, about my Father's business?"

Seeking to discover the profound significance of His utterance, let us ask three pertinent questions.

What Is the Father's Business?

God's business is as varied as His interests and as manifold as His activities. It is God's business to oversee a universe that is vast beyond all our conceiving, to sustain the operation of a stupendous system of laws, and to preserve the cosmic values of order and beauty.

But when Jesus spoke of "my Father's business," He was referring to His supreme business—the costly effort to win back to Himself the rebellious children of His own creation. Jesus recognized that God is the creative and sustaining force in the physical world of birds and flowers, of seasons and stars; but He also realized that God's highest and holiest endeavors are directed toward the



Jesus was twelve when He said, "I must be about my Father's business." You are not too young to think seriously of the job that He may have for you to do

salvation and restoration of a lost and ruined race, for, as Jesus said, "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him *might be saved*."

The Father's business is the redemption of sin-blighted souls; the eager search among the mountains for the lost sheep; the happy welcoming of returning, repentant prodigals; the saving of wretched, defeated, embittered lives from the penalty, pollution and power of sin.

Somewhere I read the vivid phrase, "The left breast torn open and the heart taken from thence." Take away from God this great redemptive passion and purpose, and you have torn out the very heart of God, and there is left a God who could not be recognized as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ or as the God of the New Testament.

Is the Father's Business Our Business?

Jesus makes it abundantly clear that His supreme business, God's supreme business, and our supreme business as Christians are one and the same—"to seek and to save the lost." In the Revised Version, John 9:4 reads, "We must work the works of him that sent me." We, too, are included in the divine imperative: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

His Father's business was Christ's only concern. The Father's business caused Him to make the supreme condescension and the supreme sacrifice, that sin's captives might be set free. His Father is our Father, and His business is our business.

"This is the King's command: that all men everywhere.

Repent and turn away from sin's seductive snare . . .

And that's MY business for my King."

What Are the Requirements of the Father's Business?

The Father's business requires WORK. "We must work," said Jesus. He needs consecrated energy and consecrated time. We need to look into the tear-dimmed eyes of Jesus and hear Him say, "Why stand ye here all the day idle? Go work in my vineyard."

His business requires haste. Haste is essential because our day of opportunity to witness for Christ is swiftly passing. Haste is essential because the increase in the number of Christians does not even keep pace with the vast increase of the non-Christian population of the world. Haste is essential because countless multitudes are under the sentence of death and rushing headlong down the path that leads to everlasting doom.

Haste is essential because the forces of evil are never idle. Haste is essential because "it is appointed unto men once to die, and after that the judgment." Haste is essential because one day we shall all stand in the pitiless glare of the great white throne to answer the Lord's searching question, "How faithful have you been in the business of seek-

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Writing for Christ

Do you like to write? Then perhaps God intends you to fill this needy and fruitful place in His service

OT LONG AGO a pastor friend of mine endeavored to convince me that the Lord had called me into the ministry.

"You're so interested in Christian work," he said, "it ought to be very plain to you that the Lord wants you behind the pulpit." When I protested that I felt called to serve Him with my pen, he went on, "I can't understand why you'd want to spend your time merely writing stories when you could be in the ministry."

To him the ministry stands alone at the peak of Christian profession, and writing, or any other method of serving the Master, is a poor substitute at best. The same attitude is often reflected by friends and acquaintances who ask seriously whether there are ever any evidences of lasting results from Christian writing (and particularly from Christian fiction).

Frankly, if I felt that Christian journalism were "merely writing stories" I would get out of it. However, on the Sunday morning he talked with me he had had about two hundred people in his church. I happened to have a story in Power magazine that same Sunday, a story that unfolded the plan of salvation just as his sermon had. He had preached to a handful in a small Midwestern community. Through my story I had been privileged to preach to at least 126,000 in every state in the Union and many foreign lands.

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But in spite of the wide circulation many Christian magazines have, I too was concerned about whether or not writing for them produced any real results. It seemed so haphazard, writing a piece and expecting it on publication to be able to touch hearts. I corresponded with other Christian writers, who replied that they had received letters from people who had been saved, consecrated, or rededicated after reading their work. Which was all the more bewildering. I began to wonder whether the Lord had really called me to a ministry of writing. I began to doubt seriously whether it was worthwhile.

And then the testimonies began to trickle in. They were far from spectacular, but were very encouraging. There was the letter from a woman in Oklahoma, who wrote that her Christian husband had quit smoking when he was reading Good Walford Fights Back to his sons and came to the chapter where one of the boys smoked a cigarette stolen from his dad. Then there was a letter from a father whose nine-year-old boy had been saved after reading the same book. And another from a Midwestern country school teacher who read my Little Feather series to her classroom. Shortly afterward she was able to lead

First in a Series on Possible Christian Careers, by Bernard Palmer

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Mr. Palmer, who lives in Holdredge, Neb., is right at home in this first article of a promising new series. He is well known as the author of Parson John, Visibility Zero, Dark Are the Shadows, and the Little Feather series of juvenile fiction.

ten of her eleven pupils to Christ.

My writer friend, Ken Anderson, became discouraged at the lack of visible results, so he inserted a note at the back of a Winky book asking the readers to write to him. Not long ago he told me that he receives up to twelve letters every week. Some are merely fan letters, but others tell of definite spiritual help.

The minister, evangelist or missionary must depend largely on reaching those who come voluntarily to hear him. Although they undoubtedly reap the bulk of the harvest of souls, their fields of influence are definitely limited. The Christian author can invade the privacy of the most godless, disinterested homes. If his story is strong enough and appealing enough, he can bring the message of Christ's saving grace to the most rebellious of hearts.

James R. Adair, editor of Power, had a story in Coronet not long ago about the Negro lad who accepted the Lord in the death house at Cook County Jail. That piece presented a faithful witness of the salvation message and the way in which Christ can transform lives. The story wasn't changed because it was going into a secular magazine. It wasn't watered down or blue-penciled to suit the taste of the readers. It presented the gospel to unsaved readers by the tens of thousands, in homes where the gospel had never been read or heard before.

The same may be said of articles by William F. McDermott, who writes for Collier's, Reader's Digest, etc., and several others whose skill and ability are high enough to meet the exacting requirements of such magazines. There are some nationally circulated magazines which refuse to publish anything of a Christian nature on the grounds that it is controversial, but there are many others which have no taboos, except those concerning quality and good taste. Without fear of contradiction, one can say that if a story or article is good enough, it will find a ready market.

How many ways can you serve God?

F WE WERE TO ASK the average Christian how one might give his life to the Lord in full-time Christian service, the chances are that he would mention, without hesitating, the mission field, the ministry or evangelism. Pressed further he might condescend to add teaching, with the provision that it be in a Christian school.

For many of us these constitute the only avenues of full-time service. If we are going to serve Christ we want to be on the firing lines where we can see the enemy fall, where we can see the results of our labors. We want to be working where we can see the souls that are won, the hearts that are rededicated, the lives that are consecrated. We want to be where things are happening. We can't content ourselves with being back on the supply lines, or in communications, or the quartermaster corps.

And yet working for the Lord can be likened to being a member of a great army. The Lord needs His warriors in the pulpits, fearless men of God who dare to preach the truth, but He needs armor bearers as well. He needs writers, printers, distributors of the gospel. He needs men and women to minister as radio technicians, voice instructors, typists, and in a hundred other fields. Wherever there is an opportunity to witness for the Lord, there He needs His workmen.

Read again I Corinthians 12:8-19: "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another . . . knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith; . . . to another the gifts of healing; . . . to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy. . . . For the body is not one member, but many. . . . And if they were all one member, where were the body?"

God has a task for each one of us. There is a place for the eloquent minister. There is a place for the man who can sweep out the church and dust the pews, so long as it is done to the glory and honor of God.

Such is the purpose of these articles; to portray the opportunities and requirements for full-time Christian service in a few fields outside the regularly accepted confines of Christian endeavor. They are not intended to be either comprehensive or exhaustive, but rather to incite the reader's imagination, to the end that he may survey his own talents and abilities with the purpose of discovering some method by which he may serve the Lord to the fullest.

However, by far the biggest field—and a tremendous field it is—is the host of Christian magazines and periodicals on the market. The opportunities they present are endless, from devotional material to stories and personality sketches, to articles on missionary endeavors and Sunday school methods, and a hundred or more allied subjects. They need a constant stream of material, a stream that is never good enough or large enough to satisfy the needs of the editors.

There are plenty of Christians with typewriters who seem to feel that knowing the Lord is the only requirement for Christian journalism. They turn out reams of copy that flood the editors' mail and sometimes—by reason of the dearth of good material—they appear in print. There isn't any need for more of them. There are far too many already. The need today is for the trained Christian writer.

It should not seem so unusual that one must learn the writing trade. A doctor spends seven years of his life in school and internship before the state considers him qualified to practice medicine. A good farmer usually spends at least that long under the experienced eye of his father before planting and tending crops for himself. And in addition there are county agents whose sole responsibility is to help farmers do a better job with the ground and equipment they have, and half a hundred periodicals devoted to improved methods, new experiments in seed, etc.

Writing is as complex as either of those, what with the necessity of building plot, characterization, suspense and a logical climax and denouement. All too often the embryo author wants to be able to perform all those things without spending any time in apprenticeship. It's like a novice picking up a hammer and a saw and trying to build a house. Usually the results are the same.

A lad came to me not long ago and wanted me to read a little story he had written. Considering his age and experience, he showed real ability. But when I asked him if he was willing to spend seven or eight years in learning to write, he was highly insulted.

"Seven years?" he echoed. I might just as well have said seventy. It wouldn't have surprised him more. "I'd get discouraged long before then."

To my knowledge he's never picked up a pen since. He wanted to be a writer, but he didn't want to pay the price. There are too many of us that way, which accounts for the low quality of the general run of Christian writing.

The need today is for Christian young people who care enough about the Lord and His work to be willing to pay the price of preparation; who are willing to write long hours for the waste basket; who will learn grammar and sentence structure and the proper usage of words; who will spend months and years, if necessary, with countless rejections and little encouragement until at last they learn how to put a story together. The Lord can use a person like that.

However, if your chief ambition is to



drive Cadillacs and winter in Bermuda, don't concern yourself with Christian writing, for you will be sadly disappointed. Like the elderly woman who brought a poem for me to read. Even if it had been good, it would have brought her only five or ten dollars.

"I've decided," she said, "that if I should sell this, I'm not going to take one cent of the money for myself. I'm going to divide the proceeds between the Christian Children's Home and the Bethphage Mission."

There are those who say that the prevailing low rate of pay in the Christian field accounts for the dearth of qualified writers. It is true that a good Christian writer could probably make two or three times as much in the secular field, but most Christian workers who are worth their salt could do the same.

The very fact that there are many low paying magazines in the field makes it all the easier for the newcomer to break in. Some pay only from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per story. The man who writes to eat can't afford to turn out copy for that, which leaves a large number of magazines to the fledgling.

My first piece was published in a magazine like that. And I couldn't have been more elated had I received \$250 for it. For the beginning writer with talent, those magazines are a proving ground. They offer a ready market and the able assistance of editors who are usually eager to give an embryo author a hand.

It is strange that so many who are seriously striving for recognition in the writing field will flounder along, garnering rejections simply because they don't, or won't, produce what the editors need. A clothing manufacturer won't persist in making red blouses when he finds that his trade wants white, even though his favorite color is red. Yet the same person, when writing a story, is quite likely to view his work in an artistic light, not to be hindered by such mundane things as requirements and space. One editor showed me an untidy stack of papers in response to my query about the quality of material he receives.

"We use one twelve-line poem a month," he said. "That's all we've ever used. That's all we intend to use. Last week in this pile of mail I got a stack of ninety-three poems. One of them has fifty-six verses of eight lines each. And look at some of these articles—articles on atomic energy, jet propulsion and 'New Thought.' I always read the new mail that comes in, but some times I wonder why."

An editor is like a retail grocer. He buys what he needs to fill his shelves. If he has the basement full of canned tomatoes, you're going to have a hard time convincing him that he needs another dozen cases. Likewise, if an editor has published several missionary love stories in recent months, you're going to find it difficult to sell him another. You must give him what he needs, not what you like to write best, if you want to sell regularly.

The best place to learn a magazine's requirements is the magazine itself. Study the magazines you want to write for carefully and constantly. That's the best way you can be sure of turning out salable copy.

In the Christian field, at least, the editor is the author's best friend. It is surprising to learn of the number of editors who will gladly take time out of a busy day to give a writer a few pointers. I know whereof I speak, because Bob Walker of Sunday (now Christian Life) did that with me several years ago. He wrote a two page criticism of a story I'd sent to them which missed the mark. He has probably forgotten all about it, but I haven't. He showed me flaws that had been appearing with more or less regularity in all my work. And. more important, he showed me how to avoid them.

I've learned, from letters of rejection, lessons that would undoubtedly have taken years to learn for myself. In fact, I'm still learning, for I haven't yet reached the place—and hope I never do—where my work is always grabbed up the first time out.

If you have a talent for writing, are interested in serving the Lord, and are willing to put in a long period of apprenticeship, there is real need and real opportunity for you in writing for Christ.

Let's Get Down to Business

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ing the lost for whom I died?"

The Father's business, Christ's business, our business, requires the compulsion of a hot heart. I stood one day in the Louvre, Paris, before the celebrated statue of Venus of Milo, and I recalled how Heine, the noted German writer, had once stood in the same spot in a mood of acute despondency and dejection of spirit. Presently Heine mused aloud: "Yes, Venus of Milo, I suppose you would help me if you could, but you can't because your lips are still and your heart is cold."

Cold heart! Cold lips! Hot heart! Hot lips! Jesus beheld the city and wept over it! "How often would I have gathered thy children together!"

It is pathetically easy for us as Christians to depend upon education, eloquence or the energy of the flesh; but for those who desire to participate effectively in the Father's business, there is no substitute for the compulsion of a hot heart.

Lord, give to me Thy love for souls, For lost and wand'ring sheep; That I may see the multitudes And weep as Thou didst weep.

O Fire of Love, of Flame Divine. Make Thy abode in me; Burn in my heart, burn evermore Till I burn out for Thee.



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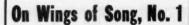
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familiar with the fact that Jesus Christ was our Substitute when He died for us on the cross. He did the thing no other one could do, when He stepped in and took on Himself our guilt and shame. Because of that fact we can know that "our sins are washed away."

But have you ever stopped to think that there is a realm in which Jesus Christ is dependent on you to substitute

Look at II Corinthians 5:20 for a minute: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." "In Christ's stead." Isn't that a wonderful little phrase? Because Jesus Christ is no longer on earth, He cannot personally walk among men and proclaim the good news of salvation. It is up to us who

LL of us, if we are Christians, are know Him to take His place and to represent Him as ambassadors.

> It's a very true statement that to most of the world we are the only Bible they ever read. They look at us and judge the whole proposition of the gospel by whether or not they see in us anything attractive and worthwhile.

> The gospel is going to get out to others in direct proportion to the earnestness and zeal which we show in getting it out. This is a job that is up to us. Perhaps Christ could have done it some other way, but He didn't. He turned the job over to you and me.

Have you ever noticed the first two letters in the word "gospel"? They spell the command that always follows the invitation of Christ. It is "Come unto me," then "Go ye into all the world." Let's get going.

VICTORY—Its Elusive Secret [Continued from page 86]

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Which presents us with another examination. The questions: "How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Only four questions this time, driving home a single lesson: "He wants to send me."

Embarrassed, I look down at my feet, which is where God meant me to look. My naked feet, caked with mud from wandering through the Slough of Despond. My scratched and bleeding feet, from thorns and sharp stones of the road of life. My lame and weary feet, from needless wilderness wanderings.

A phrase sings in my heart. "Your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." I look up. God is offering me a pair of shining shoes. Have not "all God's children got shoes"? A heavenly choir sings, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" I need those shoes, for I must go tell. I cannot live victoriously without witnessing. I belong to a race which needs a Saviour; I must "by all means save some."

What is this startling command now facing me? "I beseech you therefore, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies . . ." Is not that what I did when first the victorious life was presented to me? "Yield yourselves unto God." Surely that included my body.

Most of us learn the twelfth of Romans out of turn. Too soon we can repeat it glibly, ignore it grossly. True, we should reach this point early in our Christian lives. But there is much to be learned first, and commonly we are dull of mind and slow of heart.

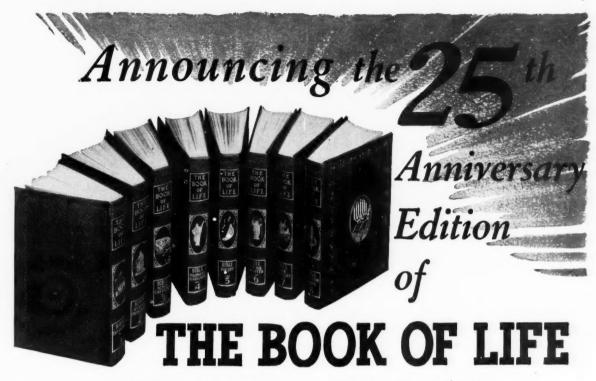
The Holy Spirit knows the order in which we should learn our lessons. He directed Paul in the setting down of the teaching. Not until the miracle of our salvation has gripped us, and the wonder of the love of God, and the constraint of compassion for souls, are we ready to hand over our bodies to God. So deeply do we love the flesh. "The expulsive power of a new affection" must first do its work. Even so there follow five chapters replete with practical exhortations to particular virtues. No wonder the Spirit prays for us "with groanings which cannot be uttered." A victorious human life is a work for Omnipotence.

I recall with singular tenderness that my pastor, Cortland Myers, used to say that his favorite hymn was "Just abide, and keep on abiding." How good to know that we may!

Have you learned the secret of victory? If not, go back to the beginning. Retrace your steps-no, retrace His steps; follow the Lord Jesus through Gospels and Epistles, through Acts and Apocalypse, through Law and Psalter and Prophets, until your heart burns within you as He expounds unto you "in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."

A beloved Canadian prelate has said that "the secret of the Spirit-filled life is endlessly beginning again." Always, "he giveth more grace."

"Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifect, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: to God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen."



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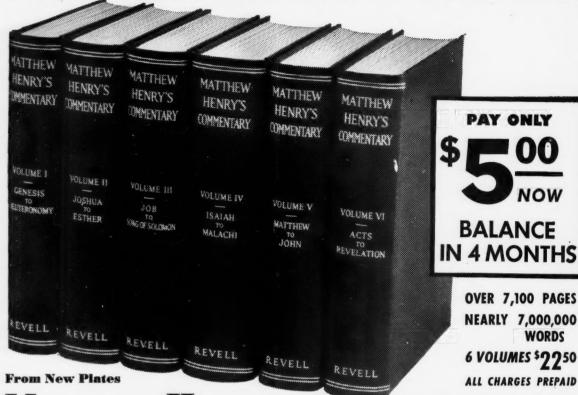
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